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TRANSPORT COLUMN SMASHED



The remains of a German transport column in Belgium after a raid by R.A.F. aircraft.

ROYAL CANADIAN FIGHTER SQUADRON IN FIRST ACTION: TWO DORNIERS DOWNED

Spitfire Sergeant's 5 Messerschmitts

LONDON, AUGUST 25 (REUTER)—ACCORDING TO AN AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE STATEMENT, THE FIRST ROYAL CANADIAN FIGHTER SQUADRON TO REACH ENGLAND WENT INTO ACTION YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Flying Canadian-built Hurricanes, pilots in the afternoon shot down two Dornier bombers. A sergeant of a Spitfire squadron yesterday shot down five Messerschmitt 109's in three battles.

His squadron, during yesterday afternoon's raids over the south-east coast, engaged 20 Junker bombers flying in a tight formation, escorted by at least the same number of fighters, in dog fights two miles above the Thames estuary.

Spitfire pilots definitely destroyed four Messerschmitts and probably a fifth. Nearly every Nazi bomber formation was escorted by at least the same number of protecting fighters.

PILOT WOUNDED

A Hurricane squadron which was also patrolling over the Thames estuary met 30 Junker bombers flying with 30 Messerschmitts. At the end of the battle one Messerschmitt was destroyed and a second damaged. The Junker bombers also damaged one of the Hurricanes. The pilot was wounded and he was forced to bale out, but landed safely.

About the same time, 12 more Hurricane pilots intercepted 15 Heinkels flying at 12,000 feet. Behind the formation were the usual Messerschmitts. Each selecting a victim, the Hurricane pilots dived on to the tails of the bombers.

While these attacks were in progress, British fighter pilots destroyed one Heinkel for certain and probably a second and damaged a third. A Messerschmitt 109 was also added to the score.

A Flight-Lieutenant in another Hurricane shot away a part of the wing of a Messerschmitt and a few minutes later saw it dive into the sea.

A Pilot Officer of the same squadron, after spraying a German fighter with machine-gun bullets, saw it blow up in mid-air.

BIG FIRE

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—A big fire was caused by a screaming bomb which fell on a building and which shortly afterwards was blazing fiercely when firemen arrived on the scene while German aircraft were still overhead.

Forty or fifty hoses were played on the fire from the street and windows from adjacent buildings. Every thoroughfare for a radius of a quarter mile was crowded with fire-engines and auxiliary pumps.

MANY STRANDED

Many Londoners were stranded or faced, with a long walk home as the result of taking shelter during the warning period as the last trains left at the usual times. Night buses were crowded and hotels besieged for accommodation.

Four high explosive bombs and a number of incendiary bombs fell within an area of about 200 yards in last night's air raid on London, shattering windows over a wide area.

CLASHES REPORTED ON VARIOUS FRONTS: DETERMINED JAPANESE BID FOR STRATEGIC POINT IS REPELLED

CHUNGKING, AUG. 25 (CENTRAL)—CLASHES CONTINUE ON VARIOUS FRONTS, ACCORDING TO MILITARY DISPATCHES.

Four thousand Japanese troops made a fresh attack at Shangsze, in south Kwangsi, on Aug. 19. Their advance was checked by the Chinese who counter-attacked from several directions.

On the night of Aug. 19 Chinese troops operating in north Honan raided Ikou station north of Tangyin on the Peiping-Hankow Railway. Japanese troops rushed there were ambushed, suffering at least 100 casualties. A railway bridge, a section of the railway track and many telegraph wires were torn down.

In east Honan the Japanese launched an attack at Pang-kiaotun, southwest of Kai-feng, on the morning of Aug. 20. Covered by heavy artillery fire, they made a determined bid for the strategic point but were driven back after hours of fighting.

A Chinese ambulance north-east of Sinyang on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in south Honan on Aug. 22 resulted in scores of Japanese casualties. The remnant Japanese warships cruising in the Tungting Lake in north Hunan at Maohsue were fired upon by Chinese shore batteries. They steamed back to Yoyang.

The retreat of the Japanese troops at Chilingkwang south of Kianghsien in south Shansi, is reported to have been cut by the Chinese. They are moving back but the Chinese are intensifying their attack.

RUMOURS DISCOUNTED

Recent rumours of busy troop movements in Japan precluding the despatch of further reinforcements to China were discounted by a Chinese military spokesman yesterday.

Japan's manpower has already reached the point of exhaustion as a result of heavy casualties sustained in the three years of war in China, the spokesman said. It is extremely difficult for her to despatch more troops to this country.

The rumours, he remarked, might have arisen from the recent establishment of military centres in Japan for the compulsory enlistment of recruits.

Referring to the recent Japanese wanton air raids in various districts, the spokesman said, that they merely reflect Japan's helplessness in the China war.

With an air force much inferior to that of Germany, Japan is only wasting her bombs in imitating the German air blitzkrieg, he stated.

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INQUIRY INTO PLANE CRASH

An inquiry into Saturday's fatal plane crash outside Kai Tak Aerodrome, when Mr. G. H. Fowler lost his life, will be held at Kai Tak today under the chairmanship of Mr. A. J. R. Moss, as Inspector of Aircraft Accident.

Should it be considered that the findings of this inquiry warrant the holding of a public enquiry into the accident, a recommendation to the effect will be made to His Excellency the Governor.

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HOKLO BOAT ROBBED OF 42 PIGS

A Hoklo rowing boat, en route to Sha Tau Kok from Yim Tim, was pirated and robbed of a cargo of 42 pigs on Saturday night, the robbery occurred about 8.30 p.m., seven men being involved.

A report of the incident was made to the police yesterday by Lau Cheung, 24, a travelling trader, who related that he had been kept with another man as hostage by the pirates until 3 a.m. yesterday when he was allowed to make his way over the hills to Shataukok.

14 CRATES

The pirated vessel had five men on board, inclusive of the crew. Two armed men came on board from off the robbers' junk to stand guard with drawn revolvers and another two men removed the 14 crates of young pigs being carried as cargo.

After the pigs had been transferred on to the robbers' craft, five of the pirates sailed away towards Sha Tau Kok in their own junk while two remained on board the Hoklo vessel which was diverted ashore.

Lau and another man were taken up a hill by the two robbers while the men remaining on board were told to sail away.

Italian Warships Off Crete

ATHENS, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—Greek circles say they have no knowledge of the report that Italian warships are reported to be cruising off Crete and British circles add that they have no indication at present that Italian warships are in that neighbourhood.

A DAY OF NATIONAL PRAYER

A telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies has been received to the effect that it is the desire of His Majesty the King that Sunday, September 8, being the first Sunday after the anniversary of the outbreak of war should be observed as a day of national prayer.

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Peiping Countryside Considerably Disturbed

PEIPING, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—Following the Japanese admission of recent activities of the 8th Route (Red) Army, it is now authoritatively learned that the countryside around Peiping has been considerably disturbed.

The eastern gates of the city were opened this morning while the south gates opened later than usual. This may be connected with the reported capture by the Red troops of Chiehchow, close to Peiping.

It is confirmed that the railway line between Peiping and Tientsin was cut yesterday and trains were held up for several hours. It is also known that the Peiping-Hankow Railway was interrupted by trains not running to the south to Kaoyi, which is a short distance southward of Shihchiachwang.

According to unconfirmed reports, guerrilla bandits approached as close to Peiping as Yuanmin-yuan, near the summer palace.

ATTACK ON LONDON DRIVEN OFF

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—It is learned that eight enemy aircraft, flying at a great height, appeared over the London area yesterday afternoon.

As they approached the suburbs they were met by a terrific anti-aircraft barrage. At the same time British fighters went up in pursuit.

The enemy aircraft turned northwards with the fighters after them. Soon they disappeared in a bank of clouds and, shortly afterwards, the thud of what sounded like exploding bombs was heard by the people in London.

Another large force of German bombers, with fighter escort, which attempted to reach London at a height of 20,000 feet, were engaged by British fighters who shot down a Heinkel bomber and a fighter.

Bombs were dropped but no serious damage have so far been reported.

NAZI LOSSES

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry states that up to 8.30 p.m. (G.M.T.) 45 enemy aircraft were destroyed yesterday of which 40 were shot down by fighters.

INDIA GOVERNMENT BANS WEARING OF UNIFORMS

SIMLA, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—"Drilling of a military nature and the wearing of uniforms resembling military or official uniforms are no longer lawful activities," reiterates the Government of India in a communique commenting on a resolution passed yesterday by the Congress Working Committee which referred to the prohibition on August 5 of the activities mentioned, and concluded by directing that the normal routine of Congress volunteers be carried on.

The communique states the prohibition was not directed against any particular association but was framed under the Defence of India Legislation.

It adds that drilling and wearing of military uniforms are followed by the Army and Police for a definite object—the use or display of military force. Those who imitate military methods must be presumed to have similar objects in view.

No Government can tolerate the growth of official organisations

with such an object in view, nor can organisations claim such methods as necessary to their existence.

"This applies with even greater force to an organisation which is openly pledged to non-violence."

In their resolution Congress stated that volunteers were organised for promoting communal harmony, the maintaining of order and the teaching of discipline and cannot be mistaken for military or police by dress or otherwise.

NO MEDICAL SUPPLIES HAVE ARRIVED SINCE BURMA ROAD CLOSURE

CHUNGKING Aug. 25 (Reuter)—Since the closure of the Burma Road in mid-July, no medical supplies have been coming through, according to Dr. King Pao-shan, Director of the National Health Administration, and Dr. Robert Lim, Director of the Chinese Red Cross.

Dr. King states: "We have no definite information as to whether medical supplies are coming through Burma as usual, but so far none of our consignments have arrived in Chungking since the closure of the Burma Road."

Dr. Lim declares: "According to information received from the British Embassy, medical supplies are not among the items restricted for importation, via Burma,

"There are some 2,500 tons of medical supplies and equipment, including ambulances and parts which are awaiting importation."

"Ambulances and parts, and petrol however, are still prohibited. Since July 19 when the ban was put on imports via Burma, no medical supplies have been coming through, but as soon as the present negotiations are completed, it is hoped that they will be able to come to as far as Kunming at least."

In the World of Sports

SENSATIONAL WALK-OUT BY CHUNG SHING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY MARS QUADRANGULAR SWIMMING MEET

New Far East Record For 150 Yards Medley Relay

BY "BACK STROKE"

A sensational "walk-out" by the entire Chung Shing squad after the very first event in the programme was the disappointing feature at the Quadrangular Swimming Contest held at the European "Y" pool on Saturday last between Victoria Recreation Club, Lai Tsun Swimming Union, Chung Shing Benevolent Society and European "Y."

This action on the part of the Chung Shing was due to the alleged unfairness on the part of the judges in awarding a dead heat between Ng Chun-man and D. H. Taylor over the 50 yards free style when it was clear that Ng had just got the better of Taylor by a "touch."

Chung Shing were informed that the judges were employing a new system of timing whereby the first place was to be determined solely by the stop-watches—i.e. if the times registered for the first two men happen to be identical according to the stop-watches, a dead-heat is the only and "justifiable" decision despite the fact that the first man may have been slightly in the lead at the finish.

BEDLAM OF CAT-CALLS

This decision on the part of the judges not only unleashed a bedlam of cat-calls and cries of disappointment from the packed house but also resulted in the immediate withdrawal of the Chung Shing squad which, as events proved, turned what at first proved to be the "treat" of the swimming season into a fiasco.

If not for this most excellent night's sport would have been available, and "fans" who had paid good money would not have to undergo the strain of having to see a third contest between V.R.C. and Lai Tsun which, in this case, was actually what happened.

MR. FOWLER'S DEATH

Owing to the regrettable death Mr. G. H. Fowler, one of the Y.M.C.A.'s leading lights, in an aeroplane crash, the water-polo match scheduled to be played between the "Y" and Rest at the conclusion of the swimming events, was cancelled as a mark of respect to the deceased who was well-known in water-polo circles.

With the withdrawal of Chung Shing and the consequent non-appearance of Ng Nin, the Singapore free style champion, all interest at the meet faded out and, as generally expected, V.R.C. once again emerge easy winners by 21½ points to Lai Tsun's 16, while "Y" was credited with 7 points.

NEW RECORD

Fans were however rewarded in some measure by seeing the V.R.C. trio clock up what was announced to be a new Colony and Far Eastern record in the 150 yards Medley Relay when the first time of 1 min. 30 1/10 secs. was returned. In this event Hutchinson the V.R.C. "star" made himself conspicuous by some magnificent swimming and helped to establish a substantial lead for D. Taylor to win the race with a lot to spare.

The best individual race in the programme was undoubtedly that of the 100 yards breast stroke in which the spectators were treated to a "battle royal" between L. M. Remedios (using the "butterfly" stroke) and Fong Ching-yu (using the proper breast stroke) resulting in a close win for the former by just a touch.

EXCITING FINISH

Remedios got off very nicely at the start and for the first two laps kept Fong tagging behind, on the third lap Fong rallied magnificently to reduce the lead and when on the home lap it was seen that Fong had drawn more or less level with Remedios great excitement prevailed. Remedios however was not to be denied victory after leading all the way and spurred at the last minute to win by a touch.

As generally anticipated, without Ng Nin taking part, the long distance events—220 yards and 440 yards—were easily annexed by Chan Chun-nam who was never at any stage of either of the races seriously challenged.

RESULTS

50 Yards free-style.
1. Ng Chun-man (Chung Shing) and D. H. Taylor (V.R.C.) dead-heat.
2. G. T. May (Y.M.C.A.).
Time: 25 secs.

200 Yards free-style.
1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun).
2. L. Roza-Pereira (V.R.C.).
3. L. A. Benn (Y.M.C.A.).
Time: 2 mins. 37 1/5 secs.

100 Yards back-stroke.
1. A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.).
2. Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun).
3. B. S. Wilson (Y.M.C.A.).
Time: 71 3/10 secs.

Ladies' 100 Yards Open free-style.
1. Miss Ko Mui-ling (Lai Tsun).
2. Miss Tsang Fung-kwan (Lai Tsun).
Time: 82 secs.

440 Yards free-style.
1. Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun).
2. G. T. May (Y.M.C.A.).
3. C. Silva-Netto (V.R.C.).
Time: 5 mins. 39 4/5 secs.

100 Yards breast-stroke.
1. Lutz M. Remedios (V.R.C.).
2. Fong Ching-yue (Lai Tsun).
Time: 73 4/5 secs.

150 Yards Medley Relay.
1. V.R.C. (A. K. Rumjahn, Hutchinson and D. H. Taylor).
2. Lai Tsun (Lau Yiu-ting, Fong Ching-yue and Tsang Cheung-ming).
3. Y.M.C.A. (B. S. Wilson, R. Goldman and G. H. Arnold).

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter).—The following were the results of matches in the Scottish Southern League played on Saturday:—
Airdrieonians 6, Dumbarton 1.
Celtic 2, Hearts 1.
Falkirk 3, Clyde 2.
Hibernian 2, Morton 1.
Motherwell 2, Rangers 3.
Partick 1, Albion 0.
St. Mirren 2, Queen's Park 1.
Third Lanark 3, Hamilton 4.

TENNIS LEAGUE PROGRAMME

Following is this week's Tennis League programme:—

TODAY
K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.
TOMORROW
"B" Division
C.D.R. v. S.C.S.C.
K.T.G.C.A. v. I.R.C.
S.C.A.A. v. K.C.C.
WEDNESDAY
"C" Division
A.T.C. v. K.I.T.C.
C.D.R. "A" v. K.C.C.
C.R.C. v. J.R.C.
C.B.A. v. C.D.R. "B"
H.K.U.T.C. v. H.K.P.S.A.
K.T.G.C.A. v. S.C.A.A.
THURSDAY
"D" Division
C.R.C. "B" v. C.R.C. "A"
Filipino Club v. K.C.C.

Time: 1 min. 30 1/10 secs. (Record).

Ladies' 150 Yards Medley Relay.
1. "B" Team (Misses Tsang Fung-kwan, Ko Mui-ling and I. Lopes).
2. "A" Team (Misses C. Gutierrez, Doreen Weir and V. Chum).

200 Yards Free-Style Relay.
1. V.R.C. (D. Hutchinson, L. M. Remedios, L. Roza-Pereira and D. H. Taylor).
2. Lai Tsun (Fong Wah, Poon Wing-kai, Chan Chun-nam and Tsang Cheung-ming).
3. Y.M.C.A. (G. H. Arnold, L. A. Benn, H. Eardley and G. T. May).

U.S. NAVY BEATEN IN CHARITY BASEBALL

Deegan Makes Impressive Debut On The Mound

BY R.O.Y.

AIDED BY SOME DE LUXE hurling from "Ski" Powlawski, the United States whitewashed China for a 6-0 victory in the semi-final round of the local International Series on Saturday afternoon.

YESTERDAY'S PROGRAMME was featured by the locals confronting the critics when they registered a 6-3 win over the U.S. Navy, represented by the Asheville outfit, after odds of three-to-one against Hongkong had been freely offered with no takers.

The Royal Engineers staged a friendly match against South China, but were unfortunate to be nosed out by the odd run in seven after going into extra time, the winners chalking up the lone winning tally in the eighth stanza.

Making his initial appearance on the local diamond, Jimmy Deegan made an impressive debut in pacing the American hitters to their convincing win over China. Star of the match, though, was "Ski" Powlawski who fanned eight of the Chinese hitters, conceded three hits but not a single Annie Oakley.

CIRCUIT CLOUT

Playing in the Charity Cup Series, the Asheville squad opened the scoring against Hongkong with a tally in the second and increased their lead in the third with two tallies which were driven in by Brood's circuit clout over the left-field fence. Hongkong replied with one marker in the fourth and took the lead with a four-run rally in the fifth frame, in which the Navy lads staged the old balloon act to allow the winners their quartet of markers on only two hits of which Douglas' single to left was the most timely.

Coming, as it did, after Navy hurler Joe Harvey had deliberately walked Dave Leonard to get at Horseface, Douglas' hit was the effort that put paid to the Asheville's hopes and silenced their wolves who had until then razed Doug mercilessly.

FEERLESS POWLAWSKI

After his exertions of the previous day, "Ski" Powlawski did not take to the mound until the fourth frame, but held the opposition scoreless during his spell. Joe Harvey struck out eight of the local batters and conceded only three hits; five walks, though, tended to take the glamour off his mound performance.

Pressed into service for the Royal Engineers, Crooner Ruel

WINNING A DIFFERENT KIND OF BATTLE

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter).—While their comrades battled in the sky a representative R. A. F. cricket team, including several County players, were beating a strong British Empire team by nine runs and helping to raise funds for the Red Cross.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB

The annual general meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club will be held at the Club House, on Saturday next, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m. Prizes won during the season will be presented after the meeting and a Four-Ball Match between the President's Team and the Captain's Team will be played in the afternoon.

ROSSELET'S RINK IN SEMI-FINAL

The quarter-final of the Open Rinks Lawn Bowls Championship was completed on the Civil Service C.C. green yesterday, when C. S. Rosselet's rink beat A. Brooksbanks' by 27-15.

Happy Valley Golf Competition

Following are the results of Third Round games in the Happy Valley Second Summer Singles golf competition:—A. J. Dennis beat W. S. Hillier 1 up; C. C. Stark beat C. F. J. Simpson 1 up; T. B. Low beat D. Humphreys 1 up; K. S. Robertson beat J. W. Macdonald 5-3.

The Semi-Finals will be played on Saturday, August 31.

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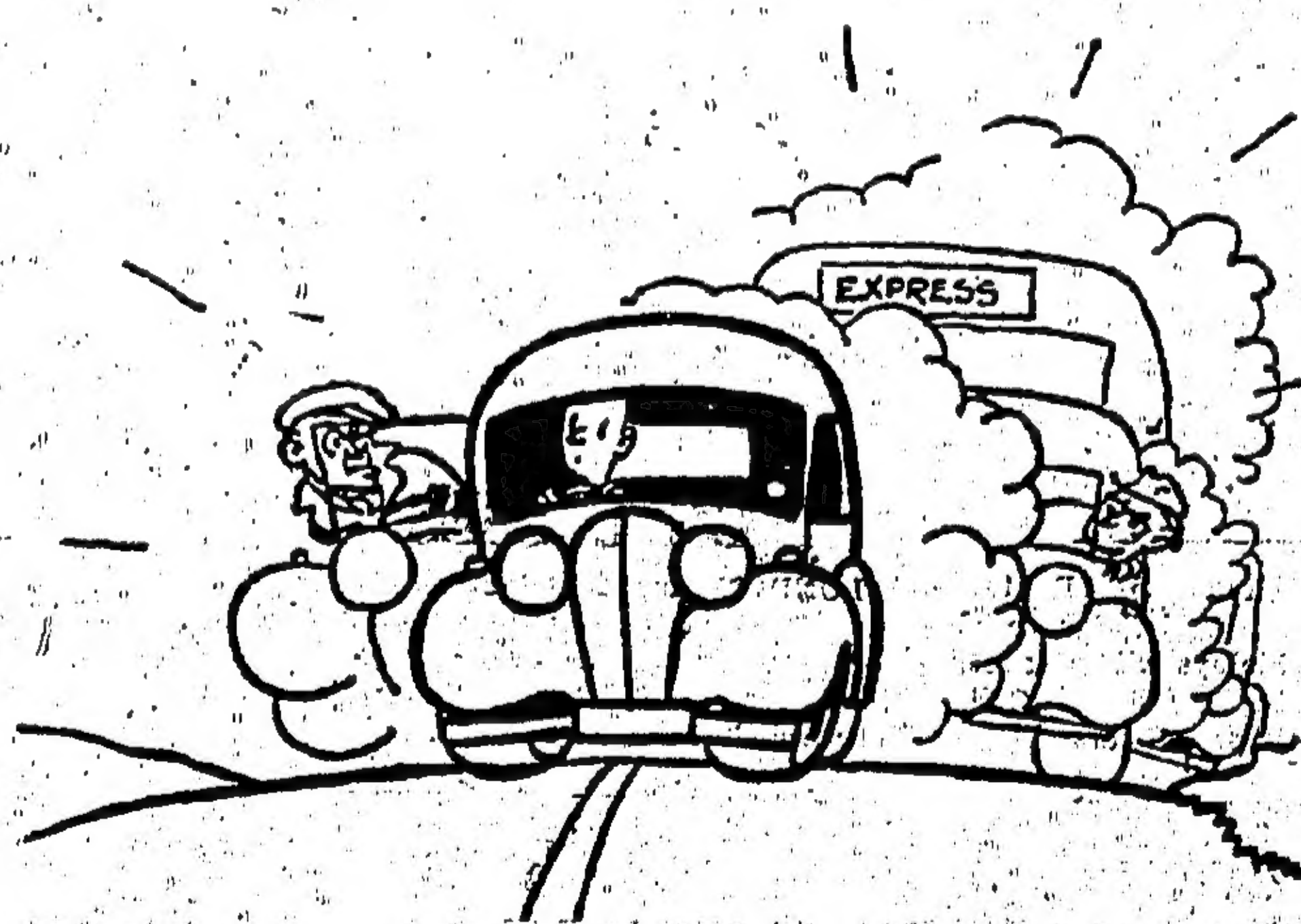
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BOWLS SWEEP RESULTS

Following are the winners of the Lawn Bowls Sweep: 1. Craggengower 2nd team; 2. K.B.G.C. 1st team; 3 P.O.C.

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"TITLE" BOUT IN MANILA PRODUCES PLENTY OF FUN

GUZMAN BEATS LEN-COLLINS

The B. de Guzman-Len Collins "title" bout in Manila, on Aug. 14, provided the fans with plenty of fun if nothing else. The highlight of the bout, which was billed as for the lightweight championship of the Orient, was that Collins lasted 10 rounds, a fact which many fans, apparently, did not expect.

Aside from dishing out some of the weirdest sort of fighting, both fighters got down-right nasty and started spitting and spouting water in each other's faces.

BUT A SHADOW

Guzman was but a shadow of the man who once held the featherweight championship of the Orient, but he was still too good for the youthful Britisher whose gameness and willingness to trade punches are his chief assets. Guzman was more tired than Collins at the end of the 10 rounds and if the Britisher had any kind of respectable punch he might have stopped the cocky Batangueño.

Collins took the first round, solely on his aggressiveness. His awkward style apparently baffled De Guzman who watched the Britisher as he pranced around

just about as surprised and fascinated as a baby watching a jumping jack.

The first was the only round Collins took, although he kept Guzman busy throughout the 10 rounds. De Guzman had him on queer street in the sixth when he launched a ristic blitzkrieg but the Britisher weathered the storm and when the round ended Guzman was so tired he could hardly lift his hands.

"KANGAROO JABS"

De Guzman started his "kangaroo-jabs"—a little trick of leaping off the floor with his feet and hand stretched out—in the eighth and Collins was unable to get his nose out of the way.

In the previous round, Collins came out of his corner with his mouth full of water and when De Guzman was within striking distance he squirted it into his face, apparently, to get his goat and make him cut loose and tire himself out. Guzman came back in the eighth and spat a hefty mouthful of plain old saliva into the Britisher's face. From then on they spat into each other's faces.

BUT FIZZLES DOWN

The bout fizzled down so much in the last round it was not even funny. As the bell sounded, ending the bout, De Guzman stepped over to Referee Lims Logan and handed his hand to be lifted in token of victory.

Since he had clearly won there was naught else Senor Logan could do but raise his hand. So, De Guzman is the new lightweight champion of the Orient, if that means anything.

Boxer Dies After Bout

Without regaining consciousness, Young Gauder, 21-year-old Eurasian boxer who was knocked out in one of the fights at the New World Stadium, Singapore, died at the Tan Toek Song Hospital at six o'clock the next morning.

Gauder, who was making his second appearance in the ring in his come-back campaign after a lapse of eighteen months, was knocked out by Clever Pach, a new Spanish importation, in the seventh of their eight-round bout. He became unconscious in the dressing room.

He was at once rushed to hospital by ambulance, bleeding profusely from the nose, and operated upon immediately.

Gauder, who had a polished boxing career in Malaya and was regarded as one of the best local boys, leaves behind his mother and step-father.

SEVENTH FATALITY

Gauder's death marks the seventh fatality in the Malayan ring, the last one being three years ago when 27-year-old Joe Grande, a Filipino, making his first appearance in the local ring, was killed after a fight with Naj Boon Mah.

The first to die was a Eurasian, the next a Malay, and the third an Indian Mohammedan.

Fourth was the Red Indian, Joe Thunderface, who collapsed after fighting Frankie Webber—his second appearance in Malaya—and the fifth, that well-known Chinese, Battling Key, after a fight in Seremban.

NAZI COMMERCE RAIDER IN PACIFIC

BRITISH STEAMER CLAIMED SUNK

WELLINGTON, Aug. 24 (Reuter).—An enemy raider is believed to be at large in the Tasman Sea, between New Zealand and Australia, and to have attacked a British ship.

Mr. Fraser, the New Zealand Premier, said yesterday that the British ship Turakina, of over 8,000 tons, sent a message on Tuesday night saying she was being fired on in the Tasman Sea by a raider.

She gave her position, but there has been no further news of her. Steps have been taken by our naval and air forces to deal with the raider and the search continues.

The German raider in the Atlantic masquerading as a Swedish merchantman was last heard of at the end of July, when it was badly mauled about in an encounter with the Kantara in the South Atlantic.

NAZI CLAIM

BERLIN, Aug. 24 (Reuter).—The British merchantman Turakina, which is much overdue in a New Zealand port, was sunk by German sea forces in Australian waters, according to a German High Command communique issued in Berlin yesterday.

KING REVIEWS FRENCH ARMY

Foreign Legion Forms Guard Of Honours

LONDON, Aug. 24 (Reuter).—The fact that the King reviewed General de Gaulle's army of Free Frenchmen in a southern area yesterday is recognition of the importance of the French army which continues to fight at Britain's side.

It is learned that this army is steadily increasing in numbers and is getting more support from Frenchmen in America and other parts of the world.

CONVERSED IN FRENCH

It was the first time the King has met General de Gaulle. His Majesty shook hands when the French leader was presented and began to converse with him in French.

French Marines and men of the Foreign Legion formed a guard of honour.

The King saw artillerymen with their guns, tanks and infantry. On the barrack square where the King took the salute at the march past the Tricolour and Union Jack flew side by side.

FOUGHT IN NORWAY

LONDON, August 24 (Reuter).—Among the men the King inspected were men of the Foreign Legion who had fought the Germans in Norway and many were still wearing skin boots. They wore the French uniform and had khaki berets.

Other French fighting men were in the British khaki battle dress with black or dark blue berets and with French rifles. They had on their left shoulders the word "France".

The King's arrival was signalled by bugles sounding "Au Champs".

COOKHOUSE INSPECTED

While the King, accompanied by Gen. de Gaulle and a few French and British senior officers, slowly walked down the ranks, overhead R.A.F. fighters wheeled continuously.

The King also inspected the dining hut, the cookhouse and some of the living quarters.

The visit ended with Vin D'Onneur in the Orderly Room.

A French officer told Reuter that the King's visit had aroused much emotion in the hearts of the French fighting men.

AIR MINISTRY CASUALTY LIST

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter).—A list of 40 officers and airmen of the R.A.F. previously missing and now safe, were given in an Air Ministry casualty list containing 292 names.

Altogether 20 officers and airmen are listed as being killed in action, 44 previously missing, are now stated to be killed in action, 98 are missing, 11 wounded or injured in action, 27 have been killed and 11 died on active service.

BURMA ROAD QUESTION

COMMONS DEBATE CRITICISED

CHUNGKING, Aug. 24 (Reuter).—In a leading article yesterday on the debate in the House of Commons on the closure of the Burma Road, the Bankow Herald, English-language daily published in Chungking, expressed strong dissatisfaction with the reply of Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to questions by M.P.'s.

At the same time the newspaper pays tribute to the stand taken by Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Opposition Liberal), Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) and Mr. T. E. Harvey (Independent Progressive).

"As may be seen from the questions asked in the House of Commons, there are many British leaders representing all walks of life who are quite able to distinguish between right and wrong and are very sympathetic with China in her struggle for freedom and independence.

UNFAIR POLICY

"The tragedy, however, is that even in a country like Britain—one of the few great Democracies still left in this world—public opinion at times does not seem to have much effect on the policy of the Government.

"We sincerely hope the day is not far off when Britain will refuse to take orders from Tokyo and her policy, instead of being unfair to China, will reflect the views of far-sighted members of Parliament like Mr. Mander, Mr. Noel-Baker and Mr. Harvey."

CHINESE IMPRESSED

CHUNGKING, Aug. 24 (Reuter).—Interviewed by Reuter yesterday concerning Mr. Churchill's speech in the House of Commons, a high Chinese official said the speech had made a deep impression upon Chinese official circles.

He added they were showing keen interest in Mr. Churchill's statement that "we intend to hold ourselves faithfully and resolutely to all obligations and duties in all quarters of the world."

This statement, declared the official, has strengthened the expectation that Britain will "not continue to neglect her obligations and duties towards China and that the Anglo-Japanese agreement regarding the Burma Road will not be renewed when it expires.

Chinese To Launch Offensive

FRANK REVIEW OF ICHANG BATTLE

CHUNGKING, Aug. 24 (Reuter).—In an interview granted the Chinese press in Chungking yesterday General Chen Cheng, commander-in-chief of the Chinese forces on the Yangtse River front, declared the Chinese troops would shortly launch a counter-offensive.

He added that the success of Chinese resistance would probably be achieved in about a year's time.

In a very frank review of the Ichang battle, General Chen admitted the Chinese had made blunders, for which he held himself personally responsible.

PETITION REJECTED

He had petitioned General Chiang Kai-shek to punish him but the petition was rejected and he had therefore decided to resign all his concurrent posts in the rear—Minister of Political Affairs on the National Military Council, Secretary-General of the Kuomintang Youth Corps and other posts—and return to the front to devote all his time and energy to the direction of military affairs for the defence of Chungking.

GOVERNMENT TO FUNCTION IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Aug. 24 (Reuter).—A report that the Chinese Government was moving from Chungking was stated here yesterday to be entirely without foundation.

It is true there have been changes of addresses of certain Government offices as a result of the destruction of their offices by Japanese air attacks but important Government departments are definitely remaining in Chungking, it was emphasised.

They may not establish their headquarters in Chungking city, or its western suburbs, because of Japanese bombings, but they are all within the immediate neighbourhood of the city.

Furthermore, all offices are expected to return to Chungking city or its western suburbs as soon as the bombing season is over.

Raiders will probably be less frequent beginning from October although last year a raid occurred as late as October 20. The winter season, with foggy and rainy weather, is expected to last until April.

CONQUEST OF BRITAIN IMPOSSIBLE

ANKARA, Aug. 24 (Reuter).—Both in Turkey and throughout the Arab world of the Near East there has been a markedly increased note of encouragement and confidence as a result of recent war developments, especially the British air victories, which the official Turkish newspaper, Ulus yesterday declared demonstrated that the conquest of Britain is impossible.

The paper added: "The great qualities which have gone to the making of the British Empire are clearly perceived in the present British determination to fight to the end and the stubbornness which emerges, increasingly strengthened, by each new trial."

Interest in Turkey at present centres firstly on Egypt, secondly on America's attitude, and thirdly, on the position of Spain.

COURAGEOUS DECISION

It is fully realised that the French capitulation vastly increased the difficulties of Britain in Egypt but the courage of the decision not to make useless expenditure in Somaliland is fully appreciated and is regarded as greatly strengthening Britain's ability to hold Egypt against all comers.

Recent developments in America and Spain are regarded in Ankara as most propitious while further encouragement is drawn from reports of Russia's antipathy towards Turkey.

MOVE FOR PEACE WITH AXIS

CAPTOWN, Aug. 25 (Reuter).—In the Union House Assembly Gen. J. B.M. Hertzog gave notice of a motion which he will put to the House on August 27 deploring the war policy of the Government and the manner in which it is being carried out.

The motion also calls for taking immediate steps to restore peace with Germany and Italy.

CANCELLATION OF WAR DEBT?

PROPOSAL BEFORE PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (Reuter).—The whole of the British War Debt to the United States may be cancelled in return for 99-year leases on about 13 suitable sites for naval bases in British possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

A proposal to this effect, which has some backing in Congress, is now before President Roosevelt, the Washington correspondent of the New York Times declared yesterday.

The correspondent adds that such an arrangement would remove Britain from the provisions of the Johnson Act, preventing countries not paying war debts from raising loans in the United States.

ARANDORA STAR TORPEDOING

LONDON, August 24 (Reuter).—An Admiralty announcement in London yesterday revealed that the Canadian destroyer St. Laurent played a prominent part in rescuing survivors of the Arandora Star, torpedoed when taking German and Italian internees from England to Canada.

There were 2,000 on board the Arandora Star and the St. Laurent rescued 850 whom she carried for 17 hours in addition to her own crew.

St. Laurent was on patrol off the Scottish coast when she was ordered to proceed to the scene at top speed. She was directed to the work of rescue by a Sunderland flying boat of the R.A.F.

MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK:

DELICATE COMBINATION OF TALENTS: NATURAL & SINCERE COMPOSURE

MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK IS THE DELICATE COMBINATION OF A TALENTED MOVIE ACTRESS, A SCHOOL GIRL, MRS. ROOSEVELT AND A BUSINESS EXECUTIVE. Her composure and poise are so natural and sincere that Ambassadors and common soldiers alike find perfect ease in her company.

Full of small talk, she can immediately shift her conversation. Correspondents all agree that her mind acts so quickly and ideas tumble out in so straightforward a manner that it often appears she knew the question before it was asked.

"WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EUROPE IS THE DIRECT OUTCOME OF THE WORLD'S INDIFFERENCE TO THE AGGRESSION IN MANCHURIA WHICH BEGAN ON SEPT. 18, 1931," Madame Chiang Kai-shek told me during an exclusive interview, writes Mel Jack, in the San Francisco Chronicle.

AID FOR CHINA

Referring to the democracy's failure to provide concrete aid, China's First Lady expressed the wish that "public opinion in those countries could be so mobilised that governments represented the people's will as they should."

"The world recognises more now," Madame Chiang said, "that small nations cannot be subjected to aggression with impunity. China showed that in the future any nation will have to think before acting rashly. China was a weak, unarmed country when Japan attacked. But her stubborn determination to see this fight through to the finish has provided a worthwhile object lesson to others."

PERFECT SUBJECT

Dressed in an attractive silk dress with a becoming high collar, Madame Chiang, wife of China's Generalissimo, and youngest sister in the famous Soong family (Mellings Soong), is a perfect subject for the interviewing newspaperman. Using impeccable English, this Wellesley College graduate speaks smoothly, and ranks among the world's most gracious hostesses.

Energy and ability have made Madame Chiang the most powerful woman in Asia.

She is the sort of person who would do anything she attempted with enviable perfection.

NO. 1 CHIEFTAIN

Her Generalissimo husband is the No. 1 chieftain in China, and has been for many years. Madame Chiang married him in 1927 and has been at his side ever since.

Her role in the Sian Affair, in 1936, when the Generalissimo was held by the Young Marshal perhaps best characterises her devotion and loyalty. For she flew at that time from Nanking to the Shensi capital determined to die with her captive husband if necessary.

Naturally, she wields a tremendous influence over her husband. Friends close to her, however, claim that lately she has concerned herself more with relief and reconstruction work than with politics.

CONVICTION AND PRINCIPLE

Madame Chiang likes to illustrate this point for she has little regard for Chinese or any other kind of politics. "Yesterday," she told me during our interview, "I told my girls in the Staff College that I hoped that they would all be statesmen, not politicians, because a statesman always has his conviction based on principle and can stand by it."

"I am neither right, nor left, nor in the centre. I know just one thing. That is, I am working for China."

Since the Chinese government has moved to the interior, Madame Chiang says she feels in much closer touch with humanity. She feels more like one of the people.

When I requested a statement regarding Wang Ching-wei, Japanese puppet in Nanking, Madame Chiang questioned whether he was actually worth discussion. "But I'll tell you a story," she agreed.

MR. WANG—NOBODY
"A friend reported to me that someone went to call on Mr. Wang in his overly guarded Shanghai castle. He met the puppet's secretary after passing through several cordons of guards. Turning to the secretary, he asked if Mr. Wang liked it better here than in Chungking."

"Why, in Chungking Mr. Wang was a nobody. But here he is a great leader, he has power, authority," the secretary replied.

Madame Chiang finished the story with a smile that too effectively portrayed her contempt for Wang. A few moments later she added a few words.

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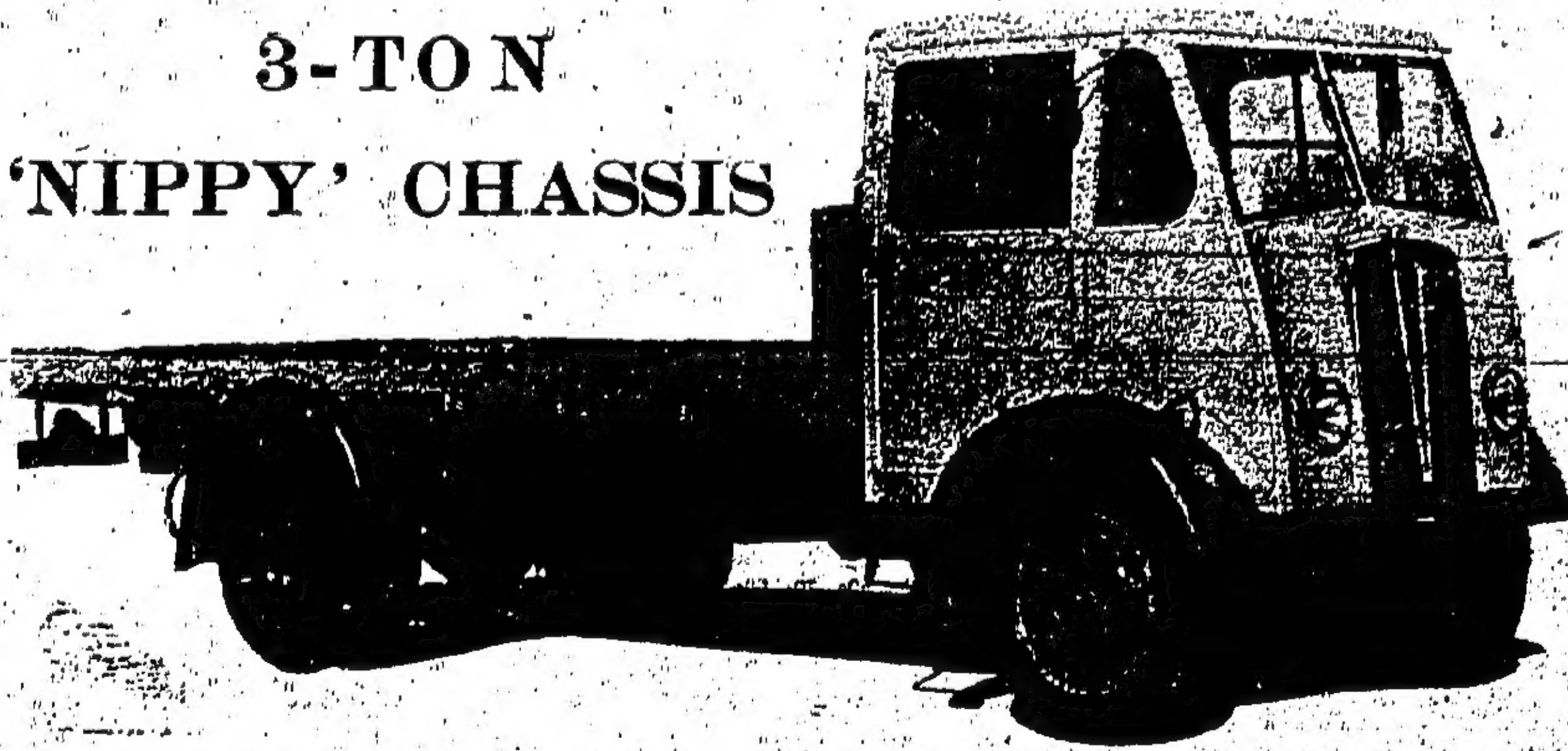
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THE BRIDAL COUPLE.—(KING'S STUDIO).

A pretty wedding took place on Saturday morning at St. Andrew's Church when Mr. John Vincent Braga, Assistant Secretary of the China Light and Power Co., was married to Miss Louis Winifred Ashton, medical student of the University of Edinburgh, and daughter of the late Mr. Albert Ashton and Mrs. Agnes Ashton of Edinburgh.

The Rev. D. F. Peckett, of the Bible Church Mission Society performed the ceremony and Rev. V. Dixon, also of the Bible Church Mission Society, was at the organ. Prof. Gordon King gave the bride away.

She looked charming in a gown of white Brussels net over taffeta cut in Victorian style and wore a Brussels net over taffeta cut, from Brussels net veil held in place with a tiara of orange blossoms. She carried a sheaf of jasmine and maiden hair ferns.

The bridesmaid was Miss Mary Braga. She wore a white organdy frock with red spots and carried a sheaf of red gladioli while Mrs. Noel Braga, undertook the duties of Matron of Honour. Master Maurice Braga was the page boy.

The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. A. M. Braga, as bestman.

The reception was held at St. Andrew's Church Hall while the honeymoon is to be spent in Cheung Chau or Macao.

SOARING PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS IN THE COLONY

The amazing increase in the prices of ordinary foodstuffs, as charged by local compradores, is revealed in the following table of current average prices at various stores in the Colony.

It will be seen at a glance that while, in many cases, prices have risen by over 50 per cent. in the past year, in as many instances certain commodities have gone up in price within the last month by as much as 25 per cent.

ARTICLE	Percentage Increase in 1939-1940	Aug. June
Beef steak, lb.	85.7	31.8
Beef, roasting, lb.	85.7	31.8
Beef, mince, lb.	47.7	25.3
Soup meat, lb.	44.4	22.2
Beef suet, lb.	55.5	29.4
Ox brain, set	64.7	55.5
Ox kidneys, each	57.1	37.5
Ox tails, each	40.0	16.6
Ox tongues, each	53.8	33.9
Ox liver, lb.	37.5	22.2
Leg of Veal, lb.	37.5	22.2
Leg of Mutton, lb.	16.0	16.0
Sheep's Liver, lb.	28.1	14.4
Eggs, 1st qual, doz.	9.0	14.2
Leg of Pork, lb.	62.5	34.1
Pork Chop, lb.	57.2	32.2
Lean Pork, lb.	81.4	40.0
Pig liver, lb.	84.6	41.1
Potatoes, lb.	33.3	33.3
Chicken, P. & D.W.	51.7	12.8
Chicken, D. & C.	49.9	10.0
Butter, 1st qual.	8.8	4.2

Average increase of prices in August, 1940, over prices in Aug., 1939:—52.5 per cent.

Average increase of prices in August, 1940, over prices in June, 1940:—26.4 per cent.

HIS EXCELLENCY TOURS MAINLAND HOSPITALS

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt. General E.F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., accompanied by the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, on Friday made a tour of inspection of the Medical Centres on the mainland.

After a walk through the Kowloon Hospital, under the guidance of Dr. I. Newton, Medical Officer in Charge, His Excellency inspected the sites for the new infectious diseases hospital.

The medical and nursing staffs of Kowloon hospital were later presented to His Excellency who then proceeded to the Kwong Wah hospital where he was shown over the establishment by Dr. T. J. Hua, Medical Superintendent and Mr. Lam Ming-fan, Principal Director.

Lt. General Norton also inspected the Lai Chi Kok Relief Hospital where he evinced special interest in the wards reserved for tuberculosis patients. He was also interested in the health educational propaganda among the patients prior to their discharge.

The rank of Colonel has been granted to Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Barron Rose, M.C., Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from Aug. 23.

A Commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, appointing Lieut. Gen. E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., to be Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies is published in the Government Gazette for general information.

HONORARY A.D.C.'S APPOINTED

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint the following as Honorary Aides-de-Camp, to date from Aug. 6:

Capt. H. A. de B. Botelho, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Mr. Fung Ping-fan, St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade.

Mr. Ts'o Tsun-on, Hongkong Police Reserve.

Subadar Major Hoshigar Singh, 1st Kumaon Rifles.

Mr. Kenneth Andrew Bidmead, Hongkong Police.

Acting Lieut. Thomas M. Parsons, Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Lieut. John Paul Gunner, Royal Navy.

Second-Lieut. Brian A. Fergus, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment).

Lieut. Gordon F. Ferguson, H.K. Volunteer Defence Corps.

Subadar Amrick Singh, 12th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery.

Subadar Major Sultan Bux, 5th Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery.

Flight-Lieut. Maxwell M. Oxford, Reserve of Air Force Officers.

H.K. DEFENCE ENROLMENTS

Thirty persons have been enrolled in the three different categories of the Hongkong Defence Reserve and 10 of the enrolments apply to men from 48 to 54 years of age and the others to those from 18 to 45 years old.

Notification of these enrolments appears in the Government Gazette and the three different categories are Combatant Group, Key-Posts Group and General Group for Essential Services.

Following are the enrolments:

AGES FROM 46 TO 54 YEARS

Combatant Group—H. Lacey;

Key-Posts Group—T. M. Love;

D. Mitchell.

General Group for Essential Services—G. W. L. Brigham; H. G. Evans; W. R. Mansfield; J. Ross; H. F. Williams; C. Young.

AGES FROM 18 TO 45 YEARS

Combatant Group—R. G. Adams; C. T. Eager; J. C. Fenton; W. R. Greenhalgh; N. Kim; A. P. Maher; F. A. Rapp; E. S. Williams.

Key-Posts Group—E. N. Baynes; D. M. Campbell; R. M. Cherry; F. R. Garside; C. H. Mackay; S. P. Zavaruhin.

General Group for Essential Services—N. C. Barber; J. L. Farrar; F. J. Hunt; W. J. D. Passmore; A. J. Stephen; G. Willoughby.

RE-ASSIGNMENT

Re-assignment notifications are also contained in the Government Gazette.

Re-assignments from the General Group for Essential Services to the Combatant Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve under the provisions of the Compulsory Service Ordinance, 1939, have been made in the cases of J. D. Provan and J. Russell.

Two other re-assignments concern A. H. Johnson and H. Reason who have been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

PERMISSION TO QUIT

G. W. R. Griggs has been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve with effect from August 21, 1940.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

MONEY DEMAND ALLEGED

A remand of 48 hours in police custody was granted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon on Saturday on the application of Det. Sgt. J. Bentley when Tong Kwong, 23, unemployed, and Chan Hing-chi, 19, unemployed, appeared on charges of demanding money with menaces.

It is alleged that the defendants on Aug. 21, at No. 33, Queen's Road Central, did utter a letter demanding \$500 with menaces from Chan Po-san, manager of the Tak Lung firm.

They are further alleged to have, on Aug. 19 and 21, uttered a letter demanding \$800 with menaces from Lung Fun, 19, student, of No. 30, Tai Hang Road.

DELIBERATE THEFT

An unemployed dock coolie, Fong Kwan, 29, was charged before Mr. Sheldon on Saturday with stealing six iron fly-wheels, three iron plates and about 800 pounds of scrap iron from the backyard of the China Can Company between Aug. 5 and 19.

Det. Sgt. G. F. Watt, prosecuting, said defendant, with another man not in custody, went to the backyard of the China Can Company. They climbed the back wall and lifted out the stolen things with a wire, while a small boy kept watch, and sold them to marine hawkers.

The total value of the stolen property was \$390 and nothing had been recovered.

Defendant had one previous conviction.

Remarking that it was a deliberate theft the Magistrate imposed sentence of six months' hard labour on Fong.

WHAT PARCEL REVEALED

Tsui Wai, 16, unemployed, charged with the larceny of two aluminum strips from private car No. 3694 at Fenwick Street, near Johnston Road, was remanded 48 hours by Mr. Sheldon on Saturday.

Defendant was seen in Johnston Road on Friday at 6.45 p.m. with a paper parcel under his arms. He was stopped by a district watchman and when the parcel was opened the aluminum strips were found inside. Defendant admitted stealing them.

The two aluminum strips were valued at \$6.

BURGLARY CASE

Law Li-shu, 34, unemployed, appearing before Mr. Sheldon on Saturday on a charge of burglary at No. 88, Jaffe Road, ground floor, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and was also recommended to be expelled from the Colony.

Det. Sgt. J. Bentley said that at 2.40 a.m. on Aug. 23 the complainant, Tam Oi-wen, awoke and saw defendant in the house. Defendant got into the house by climbing over the back wall and then opening the door by boring a hole.

AT KOWLOON

INTERNEE CONVICTED

Sentence of one month with hard labour was passed by Mr. E. H. Himsforth on Saturday on Li Kam-hing, 26, Chinese soldier, charged with having escaped from the Argyle Street Camp while interned there as a combatant Chinese soldier. He was re-arrested on Wednesday by an Indian constable who recognised him.

DEMANDING MONEY

Pleading not guilty to demanding \$25 with menaces from Mr. H. Mars, principal of the Milton Institute at No. 11A, Jordan Road, on Thursday, Ho Man-wai, 29, was remanded in custody for 48 hours when he appeared before Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen on Saturday.

Under the joint auspices of the Australia and New Zealand Association and the Y.M.C.A., and by courtesy of the Australian Trade Commissioner, an exhibition of talking films depicting scenes in Australia and New Zealand will be held in the West Lounge of the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday, Aug. 29, at 9 p.m.

TOMORROW'S ALL-NIGHT BLACK-OUT WILL BE THE COLONY'S FIRST REALISTIC AIR RAID EXERCISE

A more realistic black-out exercise than any previously held, will be staged tomorrow night, when lighting control will be started after the official sunset hour and will continue throughout the night.

To test the effectiveness of the exercise, aircraft will carry out mock air raids on both Hongkong and Kowloon, and the Colony's A.A. guns and artillery will go into action with blanks against the "enemy" raiders.

The Hongkong harbour will be closed from sunset till morning and lighting control on vehicles will also be strictly regulated.

In previous exercises that warning sirens were signals for the commencement of the period of black-out. It was pointed out, however, that in time of emergency, the sirens would indicate

FATSHAN STILL HELD BY THE JAPANESE

It is reliably learned that negotiation between the Japanese and the owners of the s.s. Fatshan for the releasing of the ship in question will not be concluded by the end of this month, as was expected.

The owners have requested that in future the Japanese will have to reduce pilotage fees to a "reasonable fee" as agreed in the Blunt-Okazaki Agreement in order to settle the question satisfactorily.

The Japanese have offered a reduction which was not considered reasonable by the owners. However, both parties have reached an agreement concerning the pilotage fees demanded by the Japanese during the week.

At tomorrow's meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club, Dr. Gordon King will give a piano recital of "Chopin and His Music." At the following meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3, Mr. J. L. Hiley will be the speaker. His subject will be "Shots from an Oil Magazine" and will be illustrated by a sound film.

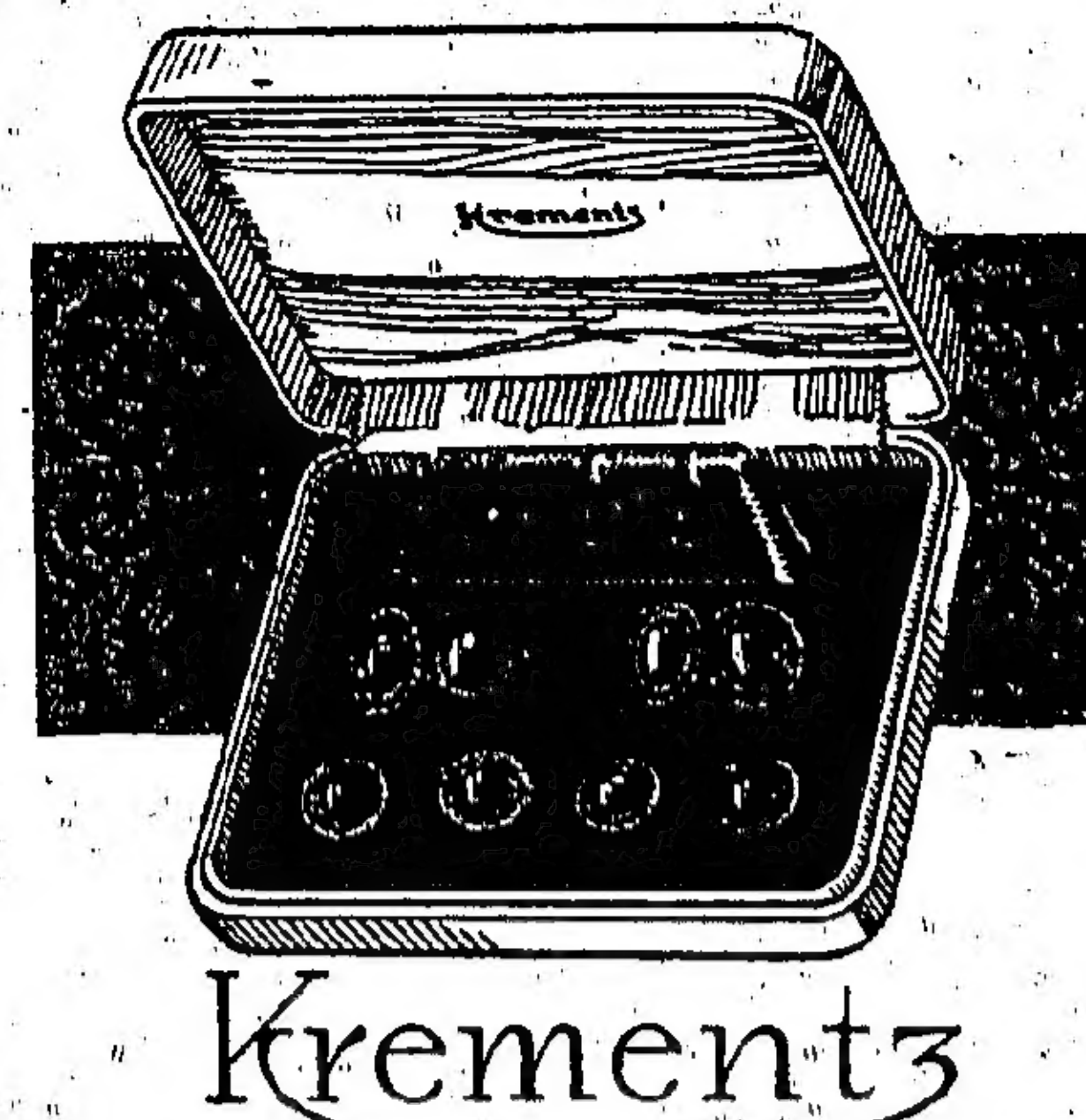
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External lights must be screened by shutters or dark blinds, curtains or any other most suitable materials. Naked torches and lights will be strictly prohibited.

As regards road traffic, all vehicles must pull up when the siren is sounded and remain stationary during the period of "emergency."

Only vehicles belonging to Naval, Military, Air Force and A.R.P. and Essential Services will be permitted to travel during the period, with their lighting properly controlled.

The public are specially asked to remain in their homes during the exercise and not to wander in the streets, as by doing so they will avoid personal risk and not impede the movements of those participating in the exercise.



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TOKYO WAITS
ON BERLIN

TO WHAT EXTENT are developments in the Far East subjected to the course of events in Europe? There appears to be more than reasonable ground for seeking an answer to this question today when a close study is given to indications in the past two or three months which have formed a basis for the conclusion that Tokyo is awaiting a sign from Berlin to carry out Japan's programme of plunder at the propitious moment. It was not mere coincidence that, when Herr Hitler's war hounds went plunging through the Low Countries and yelped their way into France with bared fangs, Japan should have considered that the time was opportune to state her own views regarding the territories belonging to the Netherlands and France in the Orient. With the capitulation of France and the prospect of an immediate German invasion of the British Isles, the militarists in Japan were encouraged to openly declare their designs on French Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies. And while Europe still reeled under the shock of the French surrender and Britain began to hastily gird up her loins for her lone fight against the war-drunk hordes of Nazism and Fascism, Japan went in for a greater show of sabre-rattling and made positive demands. The bluff worked well and the Japanese militarists rubbed their hands with smug satisfaction as they proceeded to secure two important concessions from a betrayed French people and an over-cautious and gravely concerned British Government—and two vital routes into China from Indo-China and Burma fell into Tokyo's lap.

THE NEXT ACT in the political drama awaited staging. The first shock of the French disaster having passed, Britain and her Empire rallied to the call of freedom for the world and, quietly and systematically set about converting the British Isles into the formidable fortress which it presents today to the European aggressors. In the meantime, Herr Hitler and vicious brood began to breathe threats of fire and thunder against their arch enemy—England. Plans to celebrate the historic defeat of the great British Empire were drawn up to schedule and the world waited with bated breath for the German-dictated peace on August 15! Japan watched the stage arrangements with a feeling of exultation and her own programme was prepared to start when the first shot in the attack which would bring England to her knees would be fired. That would have been the signal for her to make her grab—Indo-China, the Netherlands East Indies, Burma, Siam, the Federated Malay States, Hongkong etc? The signal has, however, not yet been given and Japan is still waiting for it! As events are beginning to show now, it

CORRESPONDENCE

V.D.M.A. APPEAL

To the Editor, H.K. Daily Press
Sir.—The Christ Church Group of the V.D.M.A. intend to hold a picnic for the blind women of the Industrial Home, Pokfulam, on Saturday, October 5. This will be the 14th year in succession that this picnic has been held.

May we, through the columns of your paper, appeal for generous support from the people in Hongkong. We fully realize how numerous and how great are the demands that are being made at this time on the generosity of everyone, but we feel that it would be a very great pity if these blind women were to be neglected. The majority of us, who have full possession of all our faculties, will readily appreciate how greatly such small kindnesses as this annual outing help to alleviate the dreariness of those whose lives are spent in total darkness.

For several years past the women of the Pokfulam Home have learned to look forward to the annual outing as one of the few really happy events in their year. We sincerely hope that it will not be necessary to disappoint them this year.

Gifts of money, and/or the loan of motor cars for the afternoon will be greatly appreciated. Will all who are willing to help, please communicate with me, c/o Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Yours, etc.

GERTRUDE GODDARD (MRS)
Hon. Group Secretary,
Christ Church Group—V.D.M.A.

The Chinese air units stationed in Yunnan have contributed \$24,000 in aid of the Warm Garment Fund Campaign. The money represents the total amount of "comfort" funds which they received on the Chinese Air Force Day on Aug. 14.

will have to be a very long wait, indeed! Herr Hitler was forced to delay the launching of his much vaunted "blitzkrieg" with what will no doubt prove to be fatal results to his plans. Compelled eventually to make some sort of a demonstration of the promises made to his deluded people, he threw his air strength against Britain and has recoiled from the tremendous opposition he encountered.

THE GERMAN DEFEAT in the recent air battle of Britain has probably disappointed Japan the most. Her expectations of a crushing attack on Britain by Germany, with a mighty invasion of her shores, remain unfulfilled and Japan must begin to see grave doubts now of the possibility of a Nazi victory. The position must be causing much confusion in Tokyo and Japan's militarists will probably be asking themselves how far they will be able to commit themselves further in the face of the strength of the new Britain that has risen up to avenge the oppressed and down-trodden millions and to liberate them from the scourge of the aggressor. Japan's headstrong war leaders would be foolish not to read the writing which has now been plainly inscribed on the wall of the German air defeat. They would be well advised to furl up their "New Order in Greater East Asia" banner and withdraw to their own island limits and there strive to regain that reputation for humane progress and culture, which they have sacrificed by methods and actions which have brought on them the contempt of the whole civilised world. It will not serve Japan to wait on Nazi Germany or Fascist Italy for a realisation of her satanic dreams of domination in the Orient. The fate which awaits Germany must inevitably be hers, too, if she continues with her plans for ruthless and aggressive expansion at the expense of others.

U.S. NAVY IN PACIFIC READY
FOR INSTANT ACTION:
HINT TO JAPAN

To do her bit toward enlightening the people, Eleanor Roosevelt recently permitted herself to be smeared with grease paint, masquerade, and rouge.

U.S. movie-goers will soon see their First Lady in the British-made, anti-Nazi film, Pastor Hall, whose American rights her son, James Roosevelt, has bought.

In her prologue, Mrs. Roosevelt told why she approved the film.

NEWSETTES

Mr. J. Frey, of Macphail & Co., Ltd., Singapore, passed through Hongkong recently, accompanied by Mrs. Frey.

Mr. P. J. Stoneman, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, and Mrs. Stoneman, have left the Colony for the north.

Mr. Paul D. A. Chidell, A.C.A., has been appointed to be an Examiner, under the War Revenue Ordinance, 1940.

Miss Margaret Hearson, B.A., has been appointed to be a Mistress, Education Department, with effect from Aug. 9, 1940.

Major Thomas Adair Martin has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from Aug. 21.

F. R. Zimmermann, Craggengower fast bowler, has joined Kowloon Cricket Club and will turn out for the latter club during the coming season.

E. M. Marques, V. R. C. breast-stroke swimmer, left for Manila on Thursday following the gala at Chinese Y. M. C. A. between Lal Tsun and V. R. C.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has received a telegram from President Quezon of the Philippines thanking him for his congratulatory message on the latter's 62nd birthday on Aug. 18.

WHAT AMERICA THINKS

WHERE THE THREAT LIES Senator Key Pittman, answering the radio address of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, put his finger on the source of the isolationists' concern for a massive American defense when he pointed out that if Hitler were stopped in Europe there would be no threat to the United States.

Colonel Lindbergh and his advisers are quite right under present circumstances in urging thorough military preparedness for the United States, a willingness to make sacrifices for national security and to spread these sacrifices uniformly among manpower and capital. But what is the circumstance that makes this necessary? Certainly no threat from any of the other democracies. Solely the possibility of an attack by forces of totalitarianism, once Nazi Germany might have the resources of Europe at its command.

The isolationists take also the sound basis of the Monroe Doctrine, as the footing for their evident proposal of hemisphere defense. Colonel Lindbergh says the United States "must have the co-operation of all American countries" in defense and "must insist upon military bases wherever they are needed." This surely would imply resistance to a German foothold in South America.

Two events within the last few

NEW YORK, AUG. 18.—WHIPPED INTO SHAPE BY FOUR MONTHS OF THE MOST INTENSIVE MANOEUVRES IN ITS HISTORY, ORDERED IN THE FACE OF STEADILY DETERIORATING JAPANESE-AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, the United States fleet has girded itself in an unprecedented manner to guard America's first line of defence in the Pacific.

This is the new Wendee Burch, United Press staff correspondent, who has just returned to New York after several years service as Bureau Manager in Honolulu, where he was in contact with U.S. Naval activities in the Pacific.

Since April 3 what amounts to wartime secrecy has covered the exact movements of the armada. But it is no secret that the fleet is prepared for instant action in that area.

THE EQUAL OF ANY

"Ship for ship, our navy is the equal of any in the world," naval authorities assert confidently. They hope that the naval construction program will make it the equal of any combination of navies which the fortunes of history might turn against it.

Ashore in Hawaii, where the United States maintains its greatest, single concentration of army power, troops are equally on the alert.

Unobtrusively, but continuously, sentries patrol all important communication and transport lines.

UNDERGROUND AERODROMES Large appropriations have been made to construct underground storage facilities on Oahu, but as yet no public announcement has been made of plans for underground plane hangars. In view of the flexible state of defense preparations, however, it may be assumed that plane storage will be provided underground if the army and navy commands agree that such facilities are advisable.

Bombers maintain unbroken neutrality patrols for hundreds of miles off the Hawaiian coasts. Battleships, cruisers, destroyers and aircraft carriers put in at the Pearl Harbor naval base on Oahu, near Honolulu, for maintenance and repairs, then depart immediately on further "manoeuvres."

ORDER OF ACTIVITY This has been the order of activity for the fleet since May 18, when Admiral James O. Richardson, commander in chief of the fleet announced that it would remain in Hawaiian waters indefinitely.

Gunnery practice has been intensive. One gunnery school was conducted despite the fact that a considerable amount of overhaul work was under way at the time, and required much overtime labor by mechanics to keep participating planes and ships in operation.

GUNNERY ACCURACY

A fundamental in U.S. fleet operations is to keep gunnery at a peak. Officers believe that no other naval gunners in the world—with possible exception of the British—can approach the accuracy of American crews. The efficacy of American naval bomb-

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long has been established. One maneuver which has contributed to the efficiency of American naval gunnery has been the adoption of "offset firing" practice. Ships fire broadsides apparently directly at each other, under fully simulated wartime conditions.

Crew appear to aim their weapons straight at designated friendly ships. The secret is that the gun sights are corrected, that the shots actually clear the target by entirely safe margins.

The islands of Oahu now is stocked with more war materials than at any time in recent history. Unofficial sources say that adequate ammunition on hand at the vast Lualualei depot and other storage centers to last the fleet through any conceivable operation. The navy supply system has been taxed to the utmost; to keep off and other necessary supplies flowing into Pearl Harbor for the 100 or more ships operating in the Hawaiian region.

DESTINATIONS KEPT SECRET

Where the fleet units go while on active duty never is revealed—but they are absent two and three weeks at a time on occasion, indicating the scope of their activity. Carriers are reported unofficially to be establishing an "outer patrol" well beyond the range of patrol bombers flying from the air base at Pearl Harbor.

Screening the Hawaiian Islands, proper are Midway, Johnston and Palmyra Islands. Millions are being poured into development of air and naval bases there, and preliminary work has been started on a base at Wake Island—which lies west of the International Date line. Far south of Honolulu is the Samoan base of Pago Pago—also strengthened to face any eventualities.

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The Order Of
The American
Razzberry

"The Crooked Double Cross"

Formed in New Orleans recently, was the Order of the American Razzberry.

Based on the anti-Totalitarian Fourth of July speech by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Harold Ickes, and said to be written by poet Archibald MacLeish, the new order will decorate "all stuffed shirts, politicians or others, who prove themselves friends of Adolf Hitler . . . by hampering and slowing up the national defense of the United States."

THE DECORATIONS

Highest decoration: "The American Razzberry Rampant upon a Nazi Swastika Couchant." Lesser: "The Crooked Double Cross."

Following is an excerpt from the speech referred to: "And here is this orator telling you that democracy is all through and that liberty is decadent . . . When are you going to laugh, Americans? When is the great, hard, angry, shouting, razzberry laugh of the American people going to yell?"

Hsien Chih-yang, an adjutant in the Kwangtung branch of the Yunnan-Kweichow Pacification Headquarters, has been executed for selling ten shih of government rice and embezzling the funds.

BANK OF ENGLAND
NOTES.

The following notice is published for general information—

1. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have decided that, subject to arrangements referred to below, Bank of England notes cannot henceforth be imported into the United Kingdom. This will in no way affect normal transfer of sterling through banks which will continue in accordance with existing arrangements.

2. In order to afford existing holders opportunity of obtaining value for sterling notes held by them the following arrangements have been made. The period allowed for carrying out of these arrangements is necessarily short and immediate steps must be taken by those desiring to take advantage of the offer. The period can in no case be extended.

3. Bank of England notes delivered to an authorised bank in Hong Kong up to the close of business on 27th August, 1940, will be credited on receipt in the United Kingdom to the account of the bank which forwards the notes provided (1) the notes are forwarded by the bank in question from a post office in Hong Kong not later than midnight on 27th August, 1940, and (2) the total of each bank's holding is cabled by the forwarding bank before opening of business on 28th August, 1940, to its correspondent in the United Kingdom or to the correspondent of its head office. Every consignment should contain a letter from the forwarding bank stating whether it forms part or all of amount notified by cable.

4. Notes now in transit to the United Kingdom from Hong Kong will be accepted.

5. Notes will, as is customary, be forwarded at sender's risk.

6. Consignments not complying with these conditions will not be accepted in the United Kingdom for collection. Notes forwarded by individuals or by any other agency than a bank authorized under Regulation 1 (2) of the Hong Kong Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940, to its regular correspondents in the United Kingdom will not be credited on arrival.

In view of the above notice no further permits will be issued under the Defence (Finance) Regulations for the export of Bank of England notes as from today to any person other than authorized banks, and no permits will be issued to authorized banks as from 5 p. m. on 27th August, 1940.

By Command,
H. R. BUTTERS,
Financial Secretary.
21 August, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per share has been declared in respect of the half year ended 30th June, 1940 on 600,000 OLD SHARES and will be payable on and after Wednesday, 11th September, 1940. Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Registered Office, P. & O. Building.

THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER to SATURDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1940 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 1st August, 1940.

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN
GOLD MINING COMPANY
LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Queensland)

Notice of Declaration of Second Interim Dividend.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Second Interim Dividend of four pence per share for the financial year ending 31st March, 1941, has been declared by the Directors of the Company in Brisbane, payable on 21st September, 1940, to Shareholders on the Registers at Brisbane and Singapore on 20th September, 1940.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Singapore Transfer Registers will be closed from Saturday, 14th September to Friday, 20th September, 1940, both days inclusive, for the preparation of Dividend Warrants.

By Order of the Board,
DERRICK & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
Local Secretaries.
Hongkong Bank Chambers,
SINGAPORE, 10th August, 1940.

"GREETINGS TO
JOE"

Recently, one faux pas was made and another was narrowly averted.

The blunder: "B.B.C." despite instructions for strict secrecy, announced that on July 1, Sir Stafford Cripps had had a three-hour talk with M. Joseph Stalin in Moscow.

Narrow Escape: Because the mails are impossibly slow, Sir Stafford corresponds by cable with his wife in London. Recently he told her he had bought an Alredale named Joe.

Lady Cripps told her friends how she wrote a cable to her husband and ended it with the words "Greetings to Joe." She saw her blunder, struck out the last word, and substituted "Alredale."

Alleged Kidnapping:
Three Chinese Now
In Police Custody

Three alleged kidnappers, a man and two women, have been detained for questioning as a result of a raid on a house in Portland Street during the week when two Chinese lads, one nine and the other six years old, were found.

The raid was headed by Detective Sergeant H.J. Baldwin. The older boy denied that any of the three suspects were related to him while the younger child failed to name his parents or guardians.

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THAT WHEN
You are at Home
you can get the
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DAILY PRESS
at SELFRIDGES.

FULL STORY OF SATURDAY'S MASS AIR RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Waves Of Enemy Planes Attacking Several Points Stoutly Resisted; 45 Downed

LONDON, AUGUST 25 (REUTER)—THE STORY OF YESTERDAY'S AIR ATTACKS ON BRITAIN IS SUMMARISED BY THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE LAST NIGHT WHICH STATES THAT THE GERMAN AIR FORCE ATTACKED SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND REPEATEDLY, SINCE EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING—AS ONE WAVE OF RAIDERS DISAPPEARED ANOTHER TOOK UP THE ATTACK.

Until mid-afternoon the attacks were concentrated on aerodromes in East Kent. Then large numbers of German bombers and fighters were flung into two new mass raids.

While some were attacking aerodromes almost up to the outskirts of London others were raiding Portsmouth area. There were 80 German aircraft in the first raid which began at 6.45 a.m. (G.M.T.) and lasted until 8 a.m.

SECOND-WAVE

Before 9 a.m. a second wave of attacks had started. Formations of Dorniers and Junkers, each of 30 or 40 bombers, followed one after another over Kent. German fighters flying high above them.

The first to strike down a raider was a Spitfire pilot of a Spitfire squadron who saw three German formations flying off at Ramsgate and shot down a Junkers and Messerschmitt.

During the second wave of raids above East Kent a Spitfire squadron had a series of running fights which lasted an hour-and-a-half. Another Spitfire squadron chased a Messerschmitt across to France and saw it crash three miles inland and also shot down a second Messerschmitt off Cap Gris Nez.

CHASED OUT TO SEA

Over Ramsgate a Hurricane squadron destroyed three Junkers and a Messerschmitt. A squadron of Defiants encountered 20 Junkers followed by Heinkel fighters. The Defiants chased the enemy out to sea bringing down three Junkers and one Heinkel before the rest disappeared.

BOMBS RAINED ON RAMSGATE

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—Residential property suffered during the raids on Ramsgate but casualties were comparatively few.

As the raiders crossed the coast they were met by a terrific barrage. They scattered and dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs in all parts of the town.

When one south-east coast town had its fourth raid of the day a pall of smoke blotted out the neighbouring white cliffs.

A Messerschmitt was brought down a few miles from where a bomber crashed. It descended in an orchard with a British fighter on his tail.

In a south-east district, where 200 incendiary bombs fell, the only casualty was one man who was asphyxiated when a house caught fire. Altogether there were only three fires which were speedily extinguished.

PORTSMOUTH RAIDED

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—Portsmouth was raided by waves of enemy aircraft late yesterday afternoon and only 20 succeeded in piercing the barrage.

A cinema was hit during a performance and the gallery collapsed and several people were trapped. Another cinema narrowly escaped a bomb dropping in a car park alongside. Another bomb fell in the shopping centre. Casualties were comparatively few.

PARACHUTE IN FLAMES

Two enemy planes were brought down close to the shore. Another pilot was seen to bale out with his parachute on fire and was dead when picked up.

Raiders over the south-west showered hundreds of bombs in the rural districts. It is believed that the purpose was for firing the crops. In one district three haystacks were fired.

A clue to the puzzling bombing of isolated districts was believed to be furnished by or-

BRITISH CONFIDENCE IN R.A.F.

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—The Finnish Press London correspondent, after his return from the coastal areas, remarked: "All we reporters unanimously agree that such an excursion from London changed our views of war problems. In particular, we have got an idea of how London is living, the British people's attitude towards the war, the constant air alarms, the innumerable bombings and the threatened attack."

"My most powerful impression (with the exception of the British preparedness against an attack) is that there is hardly one place in England where the people talk with greater confidence about the R.A.F.'s ability to protect the British Isles and the conduct of destruction of the Germans, than in the coastal towns."

"In many districts either ruined, it is alleged, or badly damaged, I saw that nothing had happened."

"Old England, in the shadow of German bombers, is living its peaceful life with typically British customs."

NAZI FOOD PROBLEM

The Christian Science Monitor correspondent, Joseph Harsh, reports from Berlin that there was an improvement in Germany's food situation since the conquests "but the improvement is less than expected and contains elements of weakness, which justify the predictions that the improvement cannot be sustained through the winter."

The current improvement represents a temporary conquest bonus which, should the war continue into another year, would become a net loss.

AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—An Air Ministry communique states: "Yesterday evening enemy aircraft again approached the London area. The only bombs dropped were in the eastern outskirts and fell in fields, causing minor damage."

"Portsmouth was attacked by a large force of enemy aircraft yesterday evening. Reports of damage and casualties are not yet complete but it is known that a number of buildings were hit and some fires were caused."

U.S. EXPORTS OF AEROPLANES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—The Department of Commerce reported that exports of aeroplanes and engine accessories for the first six months of 1940 were nearly triple those for the same period of 1938.

The total value of shipments was \$138,000,000 half of which was sent to France. The shipment of 1,532 planes accounted for \$66,000,000 of the total while \$24,000,000 were for 2,000 engine parts and accessories.

Mr. Ben Cowles, member of the American Fellowship Mission, who arrived in Lanchow from Chungking on Aug. 21, called on General Chu Shao-liang, Chairman of the Kansu Provincial Government, to pay his respects. Later he inspected the Lanchow branch of the San Min Chu I (Three People's Principles) Youth Corps and attended a welcome meeting held in his honour.

LONDON, August 25 (Reuter)—When the King visited General de Gaulle's troops yesterday he chatted with Mary Borden, the well-known English novelist, who had a thrilling time with the Anglo-French ambulance unit in France. She is now commanding an ambulance unit with the army of Free France.

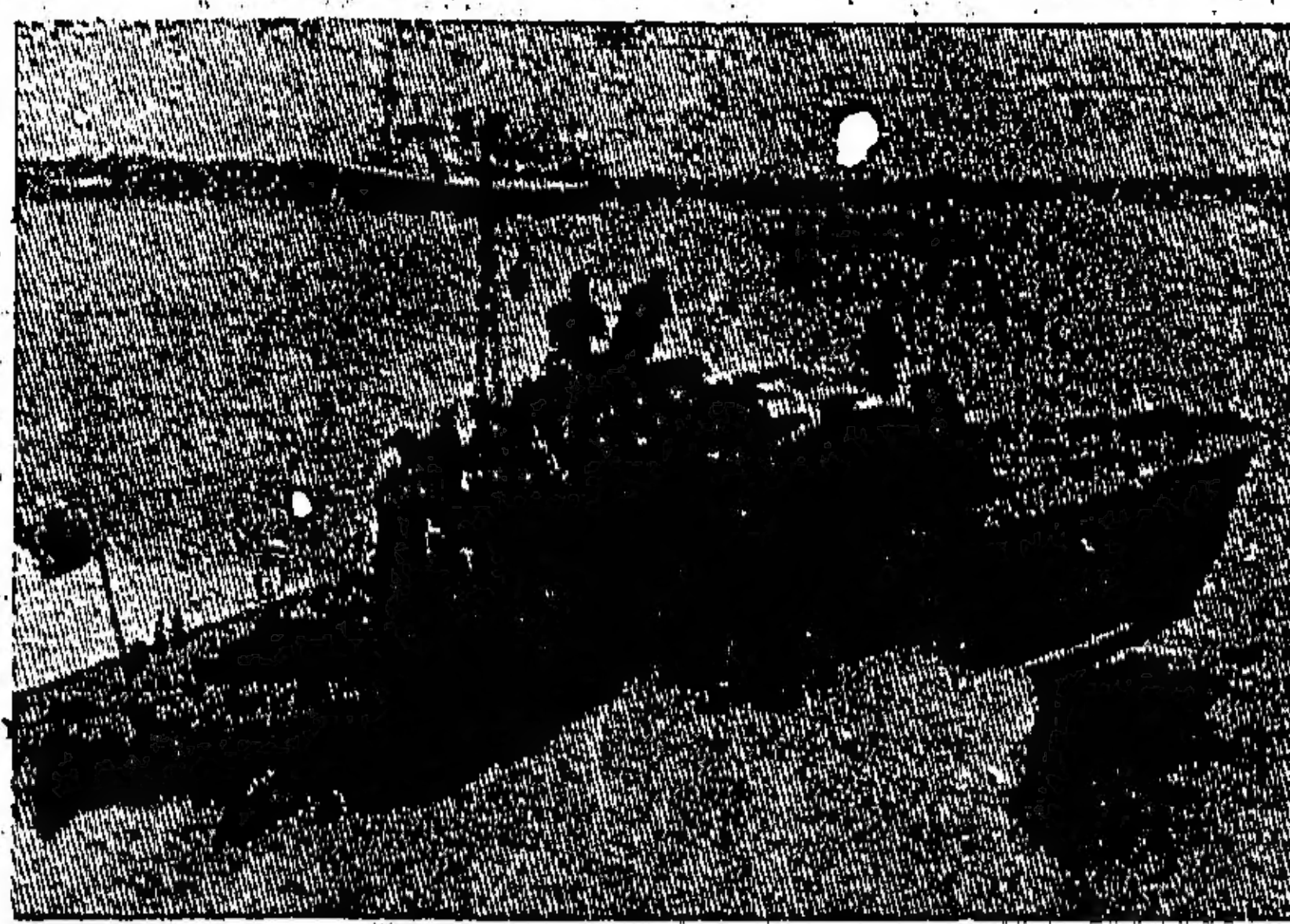
Chungking Hopes Churchill Will Stick To Promise

Quarters close to the Government held high hopes of Britain maintaining a firm policy in the Far East as a result of Prime Minister Churchill's statement on Aug. 20.

Particularly were they impressed by the passage in which Premier Churchill said: "We intend to hold ourselves faithfully and resolutely to all our obligations and duties in all quarters of the world."

"Since 'all quarters of the world' include the Far East, commented these Chinese quarters, it is clear that Britain from now on will not neglect the problems of the Far East, or again forget her obligations toward China."

On the basis of this statement Chinese circles in Chungking believed that Britain will not renew the Burma Road agreement following its three-month expiration, says Central News.



Here is the latest type of motor torpedo-boat to protect British shores. She can travel at 45 knots when carrying two tons above the normal load, has two torpedoes, several guns and six depth charges and is manned by a crew of six.

U.S.-Canada Defence Board

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—Americans on the United States-Canada Defence Board named the Mayor of New York, Mr. La Guardia, as their chairman.

Mr. La Guardia announced that the Americans are leaving for Canada today (Sunday) for the first meeting with Canadian members of the Board.

NAVAL, AIR ATTACHE
WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—The United States Navy has assigned Capt. O. M. Read to be the naval and air attache at Ottawa.

This is another move towards closer defence with Canada. Capt. Read is the first to fill the post.

SOVIET DEMAND DENIED

MOSCOW, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—The Tass Agency says it is authorised to describe as complete fabrication reports appearing in the foreign Press, alleging that the Soviet has recently demanded from Turkey consent to the passage of the Soviet Navy through the Dardanelles in the event of war extending to the Balkan Peninsula.

DOVER SHELLLED BY GUNS FROM COAST

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry and Home Security issued the following communique:

"Yesterday morning Dover was attacked by gun fire from the coast resulting in slight damage to houses and a few casualties. Later the enemy directed attacks from the air on Dover and Ramsgate."

"Little damage was caused at Dover but at Ramsgate some buildings were hit, including the gasworks. Some persons were killed and injured."

"Attacks were also made at the R.A.F. aerodrome at Manston, near Ramsgate, where considerable damage was done to the buildings."

TEN MORE BAGGED

"Reports so far received show that during these operations ten more enemy aircraft were brought down by anti-aircraft fire. This brings the total so far yesterday to 13."

"One of our aircraft was lost but the pilot is safe."

LONE PLANE 'SPOTTED'

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—The Germans again shelled part of south-east England early yesterday evening from the French coast.

A lone plane, flying over 20,000 feet high, spotted the bursts although it was driven off by anti-aircraft fire on several occasions.

SHANGHAI MERCHANT KIDNAPPED

Another prominent merchant in Shanghai was kidnapped on Saturday morning. He is Shen Chiu-cheng, 57, proprietor of the Sun Sun Dairy Farm.

He was going with his son to the farm in a motor car. Four armed thugs stopped the car and forced his son and the chauffeur down. They boarded the car and drove it into Japanese occupied territory, says Central News.

BANK OF ENGLAND NOTES IN CHINA

CHUNGKING, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—Following the British Government's announcement prohibiting the importation of Bank of England notes, the Chinese Government has officially designated the Bank of China as the Chinese agent for the collection of Bank of England notes in China.

Besides notifying the Bank of China, the Ministry of Finance has informed all holders of Bank of England notes, to convert all these notes before Aug. 26 at the Bank of China offices into Chinese National currency.

MISSION HOSPITAL DESTROYED

The American Baptist Mission Hospital was hit by three bombs and completely destroyed during the Japanese air raid over Kweilin on Saturday. A patient and a servant were wounded. The property loss involved was approximately estimated at over \$100,000, according to Central News.

This was the second time the hospital was bombed and destroyed. Its old premises at Lo Chun Road was hit and gutted by incendiary bombs on December 29, 1938, involving a loss of over \$400,000. It was removed to the new premises in the Sze Hui Street only last year.

TREKKED ACROSS 1,000 MILES

LONDON, Aug. 25 (Reuter)—The first contingent of 4,000 Australian troops who have been trekking across the Blue Mountains arrived at Bathurst yesterday. They had come 1,000 miles.

The other contingents with mechanised transport will arrive at intervals in the next two days.

It is reported that a Chinese male first class passenger jumped into the harbour last night from an H. K. Shamshupo ferry launch. The body was not recovered.

FATAL AIR CRASH AT KAI TAK ON SATURDAY: WELL-KNOWN LOCAL SPORTSMAN KILLED

Returning to Kai Tak Aerodrome from training and patrol duty on Saturday afternoon, a two-seater Moth Major, belonging to the Far East Flying Training School, crashed into the roadway skirting the aerodrome, bringing death to one of her crew of two.

Killed instantly, as the plane hit the road, was Cadet George Herbert Fowler, 29, of the Volunteer Air Arm. It was the first major accident in thousands of flying hours by Flight Cadets since the formation of the Volunteer Air Arm over seven years ago.

Cadet Fowler's pilot companion, Brian Maurice Hynes, 22, who was in the rear cockpit and presumably at the controls, escaped with minor injuries.

RETURNING TO KAI TAK

The machine was returning to Kai Tak after taking off earlier in the afternoon for training and patrol duty. It crashed from a low height, after coming in from the sea and nose-dived into the road.

The accident occurred shortly after 5.30 p.m. when the machine was observed making her way back to the landing field. After an apparently quite normal descent to where she was just about to swing over the gate entrance to land on the flying field, the plane crashed into the roadside near the entrance to the aerodrome.

CRUSHED BY ENGINE

The engine was crushed into the fuselage and Cadet Fowler, who was in the front cockpit, received the full shock of the crash.

Ambulances and fire engines were rushed immediately to the scene of the accident but fortunately no fire broke out.

Mr. Fowler was found in the cockpit. He was beyond medical aid. Mr. Hynes escaped with minor external injuries. He was

admitted to the Kowloon Hospital, suffering also from shock, where his condition was described as fair.

There was no traffic passing along the road at the time of the crash and the thoroughfare was clear of pedestrians.

It is believed that either the machine stalled or the pilot lost control of the plane.

IN GOVT. SERVICE

Mr. Fowler, who comes of a well known Hongkong family, was born on March 17, 1911. He was educated at the Central British School and joined the Government Service in August, 1926.

He was attached first to the General Post Office and later to the Treasury. He served in the Railway Department last year and in September was transferred to the Colonial Secretariat.

Mr. Fowler married on his last leave to England. His widow, with whom the deepest sympathy will be felt, is at present in Australia, an evacuee.

VERSATILE SPORTSMAN

George Fowler was a versatile sportsman. In 1933, he played at centre-forward for the Hongkong Interport Hockey team against Macao, when Hongkong lost by the only goal scored. He appeared in many representative matches, and turned out regularly for Y.M.C.A., C.B.A., and the Hongkong Hockey Club.

He played tennis for C.B.A. in the League, and softball for Britain, at left-field, in the International softball series, and for C.B.A. in the League. Last year he turned out for the Kai Tak Rugby side in friendly games,

playing a full back. He also played polo for "Y".

Mr. Hynes joined the Postal Department in 1936 and was promoted to Acting Assistant Senior Superintendent of Mails in 1938.

SHANGHAI INTERPORTER

He visited Shanghai last year with the all-triumphant Colony Interport Rugby side, playing in the second row of the pack. He has been a regular player in Club's first XV for two seasons, and last season appeared for Kai Tak in friendly games.

BIG ATTENDANCE AT FUNERAL

Military Honours Accorded

The Rev. G. E. S. Updell, M.A., Hon. C.F., Principal of Central British School, where the deceased was educated, officiated at the funeral in the Protestant Cemetery yesterday evening of Mr. George Herbert Fowler who died as the result of a tragic air crash at Kai Tak on Saturday afternoon.

Military honours were accorded, the coffin, draped with a Union Jack, being borne to the burial ground by deceased's colleagues in the Motor Machine-Gun Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant of the H.K.V.D.C., was present with Major H. G. Williams and Capt. J. Watson while a detachment of the M.M.G. Coy., paraded under Lieut. W. Stoker.

The chief mourners were the deceased's parents, brothers (Sidney, Fred and Ernest), sister (Florence) and brothers-in-law (Mr. G. E. Dudley and Mr. Wheeler). Two buglers, from the Royal Scots sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

Among those present were Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters (Financial Secretary), Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith (Registrar of Marriages), C.Q.M.S. Edwards, C.Q.M.S. Everest, Sergts.

Hongkong Volunteer Laid To Rest



A Volunteer is borne to his last resting place. Members of the Motor Machine Gun Coy., Hongkong V.D.C. were the pall-bearers at the funeral of Mr. G. H. Fowler, who died in the plane crash at Kai Tak on Saturday. The above picture, showing a part of the procession that followed the coffin, was taken by King's Studio.

T. Swan, J. G. Meyer, T. Redman, and W. H. G. Hirst, Messrs. G. G. N. Tinson, A. J. C. Taylor, D. H. C. Taylor, A. J. C. Taylor, T. Lockhart, Chief Insp. W. R. Chester-Woods, Messrs. A. W. Ingram, H. Laurensz, E. W. Ralston, C. L. Gregory, L. Gregory, F. D. Angus, T. S. D. Whitley, E. MacNider, L. E. Haynes, B. I. Bickford, G. Gurevitch, L. Alltree, M. B. Manning, L. Glendinning, V. C. Lanyon, W. E. Webber (rep. Stanley Platoon), L. A. Barton, L. D. Skinner, L. W. Hume, R. Goldman, J. Maycock, E. L. Strange, K. W. Forrow, E. V. Reed and many others.

THE WREATHS

Flowers from deceased's parents and wife were interred with the casket.

Wreaths were also sent by: Joan and Fred, Paddy and Ernest, Violet and Sidney, Auntie Florrie and Uncle Arthur, Muriel, Buddy and children, Florence and Bill, Anne and Gull, Mrs. Dudley (Sister), Brian, Ted Haynes, the Moss family, J. H. Maycock, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. P. Guest, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. G. Hirst, Mr. and Mrs. Bally and Ken, Wm. C. Low, Dr. and Mrs. J. Lanchester, Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. L. Glendinning, J. J. Tinson, D. B. Nelson, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Smalley and the Misses Smalley, Mr. and Mrs. L. Alltree, Stanley Platoon, Mr. and Mrs. Manning, C. and L. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Everest and family, T. M. Gregory, R. Goldman, F. Angus, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gurevitch, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Budden and family.

ly, Mrs. H. Whitley and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Peers, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. E. Booker and family, Mr. and Mrs. White (England), Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Strange, Mr. E. J. Murray and family, Mrs. S. H. Bickford and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Strange, Don and Pat Stott, Mr. and Mrs. T. Black, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hume, John Sykes and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Neill. H.E. Major-Gen. A. E. Grasett and Staff Officers, Headquarters China Command, The Officers, H.K.V.D.C., Air Arm, H.K.V.D.C., Capt. W. C. Bird, The Officers, R.A.F. Station, Kai Tak, The C.R.A. and Staff, China Command, The Members, Sergeants' Mess, H.K.V.D.C., 1st Battery, H.K.V.D.C., D.E.Z. Section, 4th Battery, H.K.V.D.C., all Ranks, 7th Heavy A.A. Battery, R.A., Field Coy. En-

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Finance and Commerce

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOP BY-LAWS

A meeting of the Urban Council will be held tomorrow at 4.15 p.m. to consider the proposed amendments to the Dairies and Milk Shop By-Laws.

Correspondence relative to the proposed amendment of the Restaurants, Eating Houses and Food Stalls by-laws of Ordinance No. 13 of 1935; Correspondence relative to the proposed amendment of the sale of Milk Generally and Dairies and Milk Shops by-laws of Ordinance No. 13 of 1935.

Minute by the Chairman relative to the appointment of a Committee to consider the proposed changes in the Sanitary Department Estimates for 1941-42.

Application for a restaurant licence for No. 5, Aberdeen Street, first floor; Application for an eating house licence for the premises on Silek O Inland Lot Nos. 9 and 10, ground floors; Application for an eating house licence for the side door of No. 118, Connaught Road Central; Application for a food factory (A) licence for No. 7, Po Yan Street, third floor; Application for a food preserving licence for No. 149, Island Road, ground floor; Application for a food shop licence (fruit) for No. 3, Tung Lo Lane, ground floor.

Regular Returns: (a) Report from the Hon. Director of Medi-

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Saturday, August 24, 1940.

H.K. Electric (N) 100 35.90
Ropes 500 5.00
Providents 500 3.85

The total value is \$8,065.00

Commencing operations in June, 1938, Medicine Hat Pottery now manufactures more than 1,000 different items including coloured pottery, whiteware, ovenware, artware and stoneware. The plant is a division of the Alberta Clay Products Company, Limited, of which Mr. H. S. Yull is president and general manager.

Services on the water supply of the Colony for the months June and July, 1940; Rat

Return for the weeks ending 20th and 27th July, 1940; Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports from the Hon. Director of Medical Services for the weeks ending 20th and 27th July, 32nd and 10th Aug. 1940; Health Return from the League of Nations, Eastern Bureau, for the weeks ending 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th July, 1940; Mortality Return for Hongkong for the weeks ending 29th June, 6th and 13th July, 1940; Summary of licences, permits and exemptions granted, refused and cancelled by the Council during the month of July, 1940; Cattle and Swine Returns for the month of July, 1940.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Saturday, August 24. One small volume of business reported is well indicative of the steadiness of the market and prices.

BUYERS
Unions Ins., \$365.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$140.
Docks (Old), \$15.60.
Humphreys, \$6.50.
Trams, \$15.35.
Yaumati Ferries, \$21.25.
China Lights (Old), \$9.50.
China Lights (New), \$3.50.
Electric (Old), \$36.75.
Telephones (Old), \$21.85.

SELLERS
China Underwriters, 10 cts.
Providents, \$4.
Trams, \$15.60.
China Lights (Old), \$6.75.

SALES
Providents, \$3.95.
Electric (New), \$35.90.
H.K. Ropes, \$5.

Crude petroleum and natural gasoline production in Canada during February rose to 855,586 barrels from the preceding month's total of 486,859 barrels and the February 1939 output of 358,176 barrels, according to a statement by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. During the first two months of the current year, 1,142,445 barrels were produced as against 891,342 barrels a year ago.

Of the 1,080 flour and feed mills operating in the Dominion in 1938, considerably more than half, or 644, were in Ontario. Their gross value of production was \$68,783,154 out of a national total of \$122,598,168. Employees numbered 3,189 of the total of 5,778 for Canada with salaries and wages at \$3,223,184 of the Canadian total of \$6,163,351. Provincial flour mills numbered 116 and those of all Canada 328.

IMPORTANT PART IN THE BATTLE FOR AIR SUPREMACY

Sitka spruce from the Pacific coast of Canada is playing an important part in the battle for air supremacy in Europe. During the last war British Columbia supplied twenty-six million feet of Sitka spruce (or silver spruce as it is known in Britain) for aeroplane construction; and now the Canadian forests are again being drawn upon extensively.

For the first two years of the last war the British government purchased timber for aeroplane construction mainly in the United States; but exhaustive tests showed the Canadian wood to have, in a superlative degree, the qualities needed for this purpose and the later supplies were drawn largely from Canada.

The demands made upon aeroplane timber require qualities which only a few species possess. Wood for this purpose, says an announcement of the Dominion Forest Service, must be light in weight and at the same time strong. It must have a maximum degree of flexibility. As it is subject to sudden and severe strains, a rigid or brittle wood is dangerous.

It must also be soft in texture so that it will yield to the impact of bullets without shattering, and it is essential that the grain of the wood be straight, otherwise it will split when subjected to strains. Sitka spruce has all these qualities. It is light in weight, running about 27 pounds per cubic foot, air dry.

STRAIGHT GRAINED
The wood is usually very straight grained, is easily worked, and takes a smooth, silvery finish. It takes nails without splitting, and holds them well. It takes paint and enamel well, and also has other excellent properties. The wood is practically tasteless and odourless.

The trees grow to a height of some two hundred feet and occasionally attain a diameter of over ten feet, though ordinarily they run from three to six feet in diameter and from one hundred

to one hundred and fifty feet in height.

On account of the great size of this tree and its clear trunk, it produces considerable clear timber suitable for the manufacture of aeroplane wingbeams, struts, posts and other parts. It does not splinter or shatter easily with impact. The tree occurs throughout the coastal belt of British Columbia, from Alaska to Oregon, but attains its best growth in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The tremendous expansion of the Royal Air Force brought about by the present war has already created an enormous demand for wood suitable for aeroplane construction. Canada has considerable supplies of this valuable timber available.

LARGE AMOUNTS
It is found on Vancouver Island and on the mainland in large amounts, but the distribution is scattered. On the Queen Charlotte Islands, however, it forms one-third or more of the standing timber over considerable areas, is reasonably close to the shore and thus easily available for water transportation.

In addition to the overseas demand for aircraft timber, Canada has her own requirements to meet. The announcement of the Minister of Transport that a large proportion of the planes needed for the Commonwealth Air Training Plan are to be built in the Dominion will mean a still further expansion of the production of aeroplane timber.

The most recent estimate places the stand of Sitka spruce in British Columbia at nearly ten thousand million feet.

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Amendment To 1914 Bill

A Hongkong law which was enacted 26 years ago when motor traffic was in its infancy and which, as a result of the tremendous development of mechanical transport has become inadequate to deal with modern road problems, is to be amended.

The draft bill amending the Public Lighting Ordinance of 1914 is published in the Government Gazette, in which it is declared that when the Ordinance was passed, motor traffic was in its infancy and no provision was made for the beacons and traffic control lights which are now such a common feature of street lighting.

In view of this doubts have been expressed as to whether the section is wide enough to cover such additional lights which are, however, like the ordinary lamp-post, intended to give greater protection to the public use of thoroughfares.

To remove these doubts suitable words have been added where required. Thus in section 2 which provides that it is lawful for the D.P.W. to cause a sufficient number of

CUSTOMS VIGILANCE ON BORDER

Active measures are being taken by the Revenue Department to see that prohibited articles are not finding their way to the interior of China in accordance with the agreement.

In addition to the establishment of Customs Stations at different points in the New Territories, Revenue Department launches are engaged in patrolling adjacent waters to inspect junks for contraband.

The new Customs stations which have been established at Castle Peak, Lo Man Chau, Fanling, Tai Po, Shataukok, Sheungshui and Shatin are manned by European and Chinese officers. All vehicular traffic, including private cars, are stopped at the stations at Castle Peak, Shataukok and Sheungshui before being allowed to pass the barrier.

lights for the lighting of public or private streets and other thoroughfares in Hongkong, it is added that this also applies "for the control of pedestrian and vehicular traffic thereon." A similar meaning is attached elsewhere in the section where the words "or control" are added.

U.S. War Department Announcement

WASHINGTON, August 25 (Reuter)—The War Department announced that the United States Commander-in-Chief, Gen. G.O. Marshall, has invited the Commander-in-Chief and one officer from each Republic in South and Central America to visit the United States in October so that they may become familiar with the United States military establishment.

U.S. President Sees Need Of Troops On Foreign Soil

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Roosevelt envisions the necessity of sending regular army and National Guard troops outside the continental limits of the United States into other portions of the western hemisphere.

This was indicated recently in a formal statement by Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of the staff of the army, who defended the President's request for authority to call the National Guard into active service.

Mr. Roosevelt's recommendation to congress yesterday that he be given such authority is a precautionary move against "a recognized possibility of dangerous developments in this hemisphere," Gen. Marshall declared.

DEFENDS ROOSEVELT'S PLEA
The chief of staff, it was recalled, recently told a congressional committee that he opposed mobilization of the National Guard as long as it could be avoided. But the uproar in congress over the National Guard section of the President's message caused Gen. Marshall to hasten to defense of his commander in chief.

In answer to the demands of senators and representatives that they be informed "what the President knows that we don't know," which would form a basis for the extraordinary authority requested, Gen. Marshall declared:

"The President now has the authority to call the National Guard into service, but under that call it would be impossible to send any units of the National Guard to assist a regular division in any one of the possible situations which might arise in this hemisphere."

TIME CHIEF FACTOR
Time again is the essential factor in these matters, and the first requirement in any event would be the opportunity for giving at least a portion of the guard intensive training and possibly some degree of reorganization."

Under the present law, the President can call the National Guard to active duty in cases of invasion or insurrection. Similarly, the Guard can be called out if congress declares a national emergency. Officials noted, however, that the Guard could not be sent out of the country.

Marshall did not explain where trouble might be expected in the western hemisphere during this near future. He said, however, that the army has only five streamlined infantry divisions of 8,500 men each available in the continental United States while a sixth is being organized at Fort Benning, Ga. In the event of trouble in this hemisphere, he

said, the nation would have to have more trained and seasoned troops quickly.

Such trained and seasoned troops, Marshall added, must be made available "to enable missions to be carried out without denuding this country of ground troops in a state of sufficient preparation to meet unexpected eventualities in some other direction."

The war department is against mobilization of the National Guard's entire force of 235,000 enlisted men and 15,000 officers, Marshall said. By quickly building up the present organizations of the regular army, such a move can be avoided, he remarked.

"Even if it were found necessary to bring the National Guard into service, it is believed that for the present only a portion of the Guard would be involved," he continued. "However, it is essential in these days that the war department, through the commander in chief, be in a position to act with rapidity and to plan with the definite assurance that such plans can be made effective without uncertain delays."

URGES CONGRESS TO STAY ON
The presidential message strengthened the movement to keep congress in session throughout the summer, recessing only for the Republican and Democratic national conventions. If the emergency is so dire that the President needs executive authority to mobilize the National Guard, Senator Styles Bridges (R.N.H.) declared, then congress should remain continuously in session.

Little opposition was expressed to the remaining portion of Mr. Roosevelt's message yesterday which asked for supplemental appropriations, estimated at close to 1 billion, 300 millions of dollars to hasten prompt deliveries of guns, ammunition, and fire control equipment and also to train a vast group of specialists for work in industry and in army and navy service.

Chairman Andrew May (D. Ky.) of the house military affairs committee, said the necessary legislation would be introduced Monday and quickly passed.

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AUGUST 24, 1940.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/2	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 390	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On India:—	
On demand 94 1/2	
On Japan:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 62 1/2	
and demand 62 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 22 1/4	
Credits, 60 days' sight 23 3/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 41 5/8	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 108 1/2	
Credits 4 months' sight 119 0	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 96 3/4	
On Manila:—	
On demand 44 1/2	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 148 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate 1/4 5/8	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 5/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA-BROS.

Saturday, August 24.
Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 5/16 for Ready and 22 15/16 for Forward. Silver advances reported a quiet market. Speculators bought to a small extent. American Silver was quoted at 24 3/4 for Spot.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 402 5/4.

MARKET

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/23 1/32 up to November, buyers at 1/3 for any delivery.

U.S. DOLLARS

A small business was done during the early part of the morning at 22 3/4 for Cash. The market closed with sellers at 22 11/16 for Forward and probably Cash, buyers at 22 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 403 1/8 with business done later at 403 1/2. Subsequently business was done at 404 1/4. The market closed with sellers at 404 1/4, buyers probably at 404 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 45/64 and closed easier at 3 11/16. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 5/8 and closed easier with possible sellers at 5 5/16 for near.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Aug. 24 (Reuter).	
Official T.T. Rates	
Opening	
London 0/3-5/8	
New York 5-3/8	
Japan 22-3/4	
Paris 20N	
Hongkong 24	

Sterling	
Opening	
Spot 0/3-45/64 0/3-11/16	
Aug. 0/3-45/64 0/3-11/16	
Sept. 0/3-11/16 0/3-11/16	
U.S. Dollars	
Spot 5-5/8 5-19/32	
Aug. 5-5/8 5-19/32	
Sept. 5-19/32 5-19/32	
Market: Uncertain.	

Calcutta Exchange	
Calcutta, Aug. 24 (Reuter).	
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2.	

SILVER MARKET

BOMBAY SILVER	
Bombay, Aug. 24 (Reuter).	
Market—Quietly steady. Offtake 100 bars	
Indian Mint Silver	
Ready 63-11	
Aug. 28 Settlement 63-11	
Sept. 25 Settlement 63-10	
Oct. 23 Settlement 63-10	

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Aug. 23 (Reuter).	
Tin Standard Cash, Middle Price, £280-1/2.	
Tin Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £281-1/8.	

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK August 24, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER

	Previous	August 24	
S P O T	Close	Opening	Change
OCT./DEC.	37-3/8	37-3/8	up 1/8
JAN./MAR.	36-1/2	36-1/2	unch.
	34-1/2	34-1/2	

The market was inactive.

LONDON RUBBER

	Previous close	Today's close	
S P O T	buyers	buyers	Change
SEPTEMBER	12-5/8		
OCT.-DEC.	12-5/8	Market closed	
JAN./MARCH	12-9/16		
APRIL-JUNE	11-3/4		

NEW YORK COTTON: There is large buying for near months, mostly by the trade. Hedging is more active on the advance.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Market closed.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Overnight news was colourless and the market lacked any distinctive feature. The market ruled dull with an extremely narrow range. Some hedge sales and scattered liquidation early on caused a frictional decline.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 125.34; Today's close, 125.48; Change up 14.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, Oct.	9.26	9.16	9.16	9.19	.03 up
Chicago Wheat, Sept.	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	unch.
Chicago Corn, Sept.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	unch.
NEW YORK COTTON					
Oct. (New contract)	9.16/16	9.17/16	9.19/16	9.19/16	.03 up
December	9.15/16	9.15/16	9.16/17	9.16/17	.01 up
January	9.07N	9.07N	9.07N	9.07N	.01 up
March	9.05/05	9.04/04	9.06/06	9.06/06	.01 up
May	8.87N	8.86/86	8.89/89	8.89/89	.02 up
July	8.67N	8.67/67	8.69/69	8.69/69	.02 up
Spot	8.66N		8.69N	8.69N	.03 up

Total sales Friday—57,600 bales.

CHICAGO WHEAT

September	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	unch.
December	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	unch.
May	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	unch.

Friday's sales—12,620,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

September	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	unch.
December	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	unch.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

October	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	unch.
December	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	unch.

NEW YORK HIDES

NY-London Cross Rate 4.02-3/4	
4.02-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, August 23.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1952)	100 1/2
Antion-Klown Rly. 5%	7
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	30
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	35
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	44
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	12
Chinese 5% Reg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	18
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	9
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5%	38
Homan Rly. 5%	9
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	12
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	11
Lung Tsiang & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	8
S'hai-NKing Rly. 5%	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	8
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	8
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	8
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	8
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	31
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	54
Chartered Bank	64
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	62
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	68
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	16

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, August 25 (Reuter)—In the Money Market gilt funds, seeking employment, had been pronounced, hence borrowers continued to obtain overnight loans cheaply. £85,000,000 Treasury bills were offered and were allotted at an average rate of £1. 0. 5.63d, which was fractionally more favourable to the Market.

Applicants received 56 per cent. of their requirements compared to 48 per cent. in the previous week. Wall Street closed steady.

Honey production of Saskatchewan increased from 2,794,200 pounds, valued at \$242,100 in 1938 to 4,262,600 pounds, valued at \$376,400 in 1939. Number of operators increased by 180 to 4,180 and bee colonies by 4,220 to 28,000. Average yield per hive of 153 pounds was the highest in the Dominion.

Chosen Corporation	4
Pekin Syndicate	2
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	15
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13 1/2
Union Insurance	28
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	13 1/2
B.-A. Tob. (bearer)	77 1/2
Mercantile Bank	11 1/2
Dunlop Rubber	28 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane	9 1/4
Imperial Chemical Ind.	26
United Steel	17 1/2
Woolworths	57 1/4
Marsman Investments	8 1/2
Western Holdings	9
Sub-Nigel	155
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	32 1/2
Nat. Defence Bonds, 3%	100 1/2
London-Midlands-Scot. 3%	12
Great Western Rail.	27 1/2
Nat. Bank of India, 3%	27 1/2
way, 3%	24 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

AUGUST 23, 1940.

STOCKS	Last Sale	Aug. 22	STOCKS	Last Sale	Aug. 22
Adams Express	4 1/2		Lockheed Aircraft	26 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2		Loew's Inc.	24	
Allis Chalmers	32 1/2		Loft Incorporated	21 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	75		Mack Truck Inc.	21 1/2	
Amer. Can.	94		Martin, Glen L.	30 1/2	
American Cyanamid E.	33 1/2		McKesson & Robbins pfd.	21	
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2		Montgomery Ward	42	
Amer. & Foreign S.F. pf.	15 1/2		M'tain City Copper Co.	31	
Amer. Locomotive	13		National Aviation	10	
Amer. Metals Co.	14 1/2		Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2		National Distillers	20 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	10 1/2		National Lead	17 1/2	
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	37 1/2		Nat. Power & Light	8	
Amer. Sugar Refining	13		National Supply Corp.	5 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	160 1/2		New York Central	11 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	74 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	4 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	8 1/2		N. American Aviation	16 1/2	
Anaconda Copper	20 1/2		North American Co.	19 1/2	
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	15 1/2		Northern Pacific	6 1/2	
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	50	
Baldwin Locomotive	15		Pacific Gas & Elec.	28 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2		Packard Motors	31	
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2		Pan-American Airways	13 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	8		Paramount Pictures	5 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	30 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	20	
Bethlehem Steel	73 1/2		Philadelphia Read. Coal	1 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	13 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	32 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	14		Public Service of N.J.	34 1/2	
Borg-Warner	17 1/2		Pullman Inc.	19 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	20 1/2		Pure Oil	7 1/2	
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2	
Canadian Pacific R'way	3 1/2		Reading Company, Com	13 1/2	
Case, J.I.	49 1/2		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2	
Celanese	29		Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2		Republic Steel	17 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	74 1/2		Revere Corp.	9 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	51 1/2		Reynold Tobac. "B"	35	
Commercial Credit Co.	31 1/2		Safeway Stores	44	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1 1/2		Schenley Distillers	9 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	28 1/2		Sears Roebuck	79	
Consolidated Oil	6 1/2		Shell Union Oil	8 1/2	
Continental Can	38 1/2		Socoma-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2	
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2		Southern Pacific	8 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	7 1/2		Southern Ry. 5 pld.	18 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	26		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	26 1/2	
Deere & Co.	15 1/2		Standard Brands	6 1/2	
Distillers Corp., Seagrams	17 1/2		Stand. Gas & Elec.	1 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	71		Standard Oil of California	17 1/2	
Du Pont de Nemours	167 1/2		Standard Oil of N.J.	34 1/2	
Eagle Picher Lead	8 1/2		Stone & Webster	7 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	30 1/2		Studebaker Com.	7 1/2	
Elec. Auto. Inc.	34 1/2		Swift International	10 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	6		Technicolor	10 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 35 pf.	63		Texas Corp.	35 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 38 pf.	71 1/2		Texas Gulf Sulphur	31 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light 37 pf.	18 1/2		Timken-Axle	23 1/2	
Flintkote	34 1/2		Trans-America Co.	4 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.	40 1/2		20th Cent. Fox	54	
Gen. Electric	33 1/2		Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2	
Gen. Motors	47 1/2		Union Carbide & Carbon	72	
Gen. Railway Signal	11 1/2		Union Pacific	84 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11 1/2		United Aircraft	37	
Gillette Co.	13		United Airlines Trans.	16 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)	41 1/2		United Corp.	1 1/2	
Goodrich 55 pf.	48 1/2		United Corp. 43 cum pf.	36 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	15		United Gas Corp.	1 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2		United Gas Improvement	12	
Great Northern Rly. pld.	23		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	17 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	19 1/2		U.S. Rubber	18 1/2	
Greoughdon Corp.	11 1/2		U.S. Rubber 38 pld.	81 1/2	
Hercules Powder Co.	82 1/2		U.S. Steel	53 1/2	
International Harvester	40		Vanadium	31 1/2	
Int. Nickel	26 1/2		Vulcan Aircraft	7 1/2	
Int. Paper & Power	15 1/2		Walworth Co.	4	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	23 1/2		Warner Bros. Pict.	24	
International Copper	27 1/2		Westinghouse Elec.	100 1/2	
Laurel Foundry & Mac.	34		Woodward Iron Cor.	25 1/2	
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	39 1/2		Chase National Bank	28 1/2	
			National City Bank	24 1/2	

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1839/40	Aug. 23, 1940	Change
High	155.92	155.92	
Low	111.84	111.84	
Dow Jones Averages			
30 Industrials	125.07	125.07	1.38 up
20 Rails	38.78	38.78	3.39 up
20 Utilities	21.87	21.87	31 up
40 Bonds	82.05	82.05	30 up
Commodity Index	49.40	49.40	24 up
Business Done—440,000 shares			

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AIRPORT NEWS

ONE PASSENGER ON DELPHINUS

Imperial Airways outward service by the DELPHINUS (Capt. Brunton and F/O Raeburn) left Kai Tak yesterday morning, taking 1.7 kilos of mail from Hong Kong and one passenger—Mr. Goga, bound for Calcutta. No inward service arrived yesterday.

CLIPPER SCHEDULE

Pan American Airways CHINA CLIPPER is now scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong from Manila, bringing U.S. Mails, dated San Francisco, Aug. 20, on Wednesday, Aug. 28, and will take off on her return flight on Thursday morning.

The China Clipper will be followed by the California Clipper, which is due to arrive in Hong Kong on Tuesday, Sept. 3, and will return to Manila, en route to San Francisco, the following morning.

CLIPPER DAMAGED BY FIRE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The Yankee Clipper was damaged today when an apparently accidental fire broke out in Pan American Airways hangar at LaGuardia field. The Atlantic Clipper and the British transatlantic flying-boat Clive, along with other smaller craft, were also housed in the hangar and endangered by the fire.

FREE ALLOWANCE OF WATER

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1933, the Governor in Council hereby amends the regulations appearing in the Schedule to the said Ordinance, with retrospective effect from the first day of January, 1940, as follows:—

AMENDMENT

In Appendix III to the said regulations, with reference to the free allowance of water in the case of approved Chinese public dispensaries, the figures and words "20,000 gallons per quarter each" are substituted for the figures and words "24,000 gallons per annum each".

FIRING PRACTICE

Light gun firing practice will be carried out between 6 p.m. and midnight on Aug. 26, 27, 28 and 30.

Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Anti-aircraft firing practice will be carried out in the Western area of the Island between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Aug. 29 and 30.

Firing areas "A" and "B" will be affected.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 25 Aug. to 1 Sept. 1940.

Day of Week	Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	28	h.m.	f.m.	h.m.	f.m.
		01 44	5.8	09 38	3.3
		14 34	4.1	19 07	3.6
Tues.	27	02 38	6.0	11 11	3.0
		12 57	4.1	19 28	3.8
Wed.	24	03 46	6.3	12 14	3.6
		15 55	4.0	20 47	3.9
Thurs.	29	04 47	6.6	13 02	3.1
		16 36	4.3	23 27	3.9
Fri.	30	05 02	7.0		
		20 54	4.8	13 42	1.6
Sat.	31	07 03	7.4	09 02	3.6
		20 37	5.0	11 21	1.3
Sun.	1	08 00	7.8	01 33	3.3
		21 08	5.4	14 58	1.1

Health Bulletin Of Eastern Ports

The following is the health bulletin of eastern ports for the week ending August 17:—

Cholera:—Allahabad, one case; Calcutta, six cases; Calcutta, 19 cases; Shanghai, 54 cases. Small-Pox:—Port Sudan, one case; Allahabad, one case; Delhi, one case; Canningore, nine cases; Bombay, five cases; Calcutta, 13 cases; Rangoon, three cases; Masulipatam, two cases; Bangkok, seven cases.

COLONY RETURNS

The following is Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on August 23:—

Cholera, one case (one imported); Enteric Fever, five cases; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, two cases; Typhus Fever, one case; Dysentery, three cases; Tuberculosis, 30 cases (one imported).

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Aug. 26.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.75

Temperature, 82 F.

Humidity, 79 per cent.

Wind Direction, ENE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature, maximum yesterday, 83 F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 78 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.00 ins.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 106.47 ins.

Against an average of, 84.84 ins.

Sunset tonight, 8.47 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.04 a.m.

4 p.m., Aug. 26.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.72 ins.

Temperature, 83 F.

Humidity, 78 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 85 F.

Minimum temperature, 78 F.

Rainfall, nil.

THE WEATHER

The maximum temperature yesterday was 85 and the minimum was 78.

The Royal Observatory report states:—

Pressure is highest over Mongolia and the Pacific eastward of Japan; it is relatively low from Indo-China to the Carolines.

The typhoon is situated near the Straits of Korea, moving northward.

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ARRIVALS

The following arrived in Hong Kong: Mr. Tirso Alvarez, Mr. Bun It Ching, Mr. Yi-shen Chu, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Newton, Mstr. Willoughby Newton, Mstr. Brian Newton, Mrs. Ethel Wylie, Dr. Weichling Yen, Miss Pui-Lan Yew.

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Mr. L. Anekapunya, Mrs. Earl Bertels, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Boyd, Mr. Geo. H. Burnham, Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Craig, Mr. J. Frey, Mrs. C. B. Headley, Mrs. Dora Howe, Mr. Patrick Pichl-Sun, Mrs. Rose Chew-Sun, Miss Gloria Ann-Sun, Miss Patricia F. Sun, Mrs. Herman Culler, Mr. Wm. A. Dougherty, Mr. James F. Gowdy, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Hamm, Mr. W. A. Hodell, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunt, Mr. Jerry B. Karn, Mrs. Esther Keough, Mstr. Raynor Keough, Miss Selma Maxwell, Mrs. J. A. Menster, Mr. Allen Richards, Mr. Wm. Parks Thompson.

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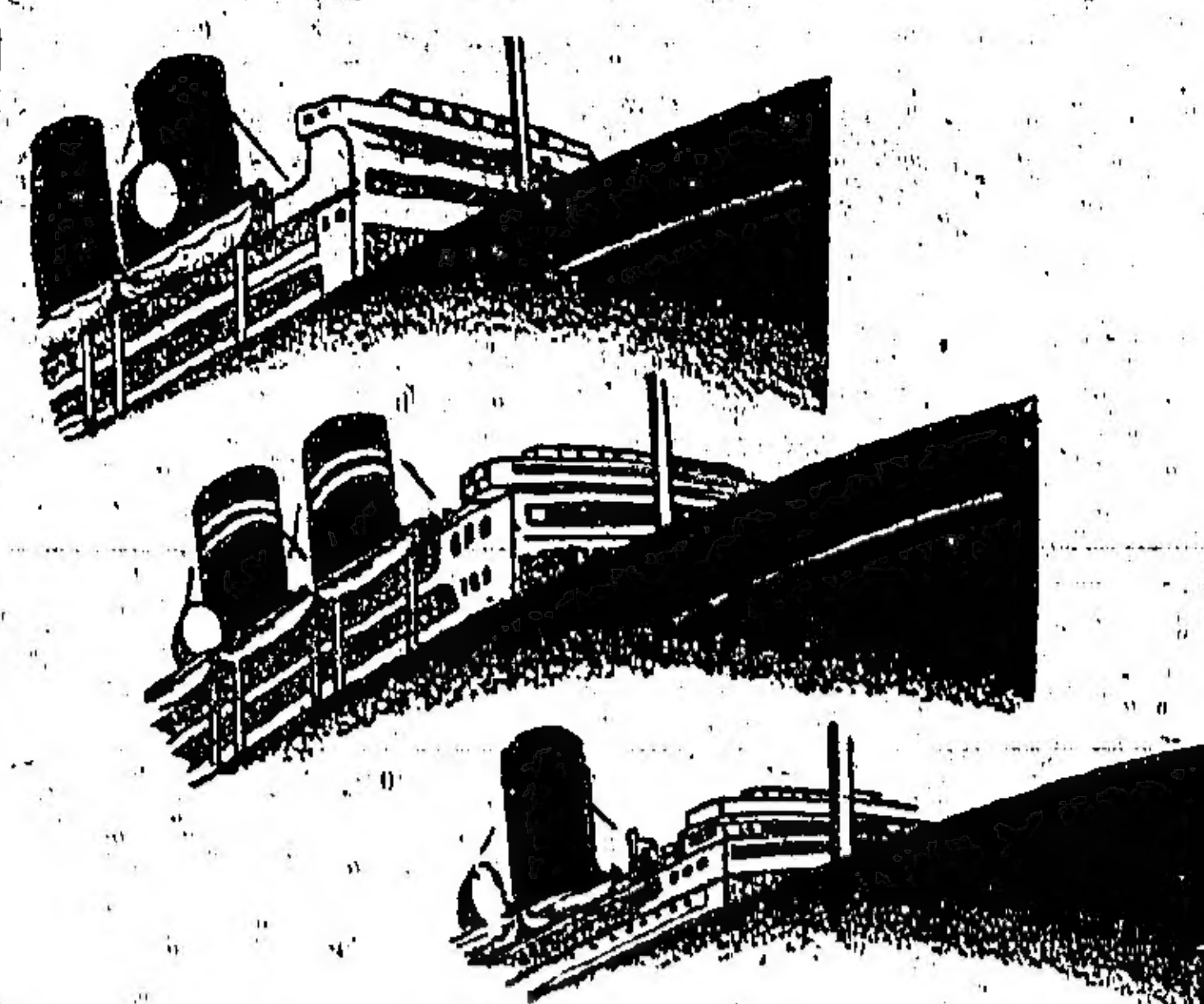
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